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FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

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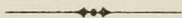
DIRECTORS

OF THE

General Hospital Society of Conn.

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING,

MAY 13th, 1869.



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1869.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, in the city of New Haven, the sum of —— dollars, to be paid by my executors of my real or personal estate, as soon as the settlement of my affairs will permit, to the Treasurer of said Institution for the time being, in trust, to be applied by the Directors thereof to the humane purposes of said Institution.

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 DR. WM. B. DÉFOREST.

* Deceased.

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C. A. LINDSLEY, M. D.,	1865—

THE General Hospital Society of Connecticut was incorporated in May, 1826. Immediately after, measures were taken to organize the Society, and to obtain funds for its use. Partly by aid from the State, and partly by private subscriptions in New Haven and other towns, a sufficient amount was raised to procure the land and buildings. An elevated location in the southwestern part of this city was selected, consisting of about seven and one half acres, and bounded on all sides by streets, so that it cannot be encroached upon by residences. It has been handsomely laid out, and adorned by shade-trees and shrubbery, a portion being cultivated to supply vegetables and fruits for the use of the institution. A substantial stone building was erected in the centre of the grounds, capable of accommodating, in wards and private rooms, about seventy-five patients.

The Hospital was opened for the reception of patients in the summer of 1833. The number of admissions, although small at first, has steadily increased, so that, for the past two or three years more than two hundred and fifty have been received annually. Since the opening of the institution, nearly four thousand cases have been cared for, within its walls. Diseases of almost every kind and grade has been treated, and surgical operations the most severe have been performed, and with such remarkable success, that its officers point, with pride, to the records of the Hospital.

The patients received into the Hospital consist of the following classes:

1st. Sailors, whose support is provided for from the Seamen's Hospital Fund, under the direction of the Collector of the Port of New Haven.

2d. Persons who are able and willing to pay for their own support, and who resort to the Hospital on account of the superior accommodations which they can obtain at a moderate rate or those from a distance, who visit it for the purpose of submitting to surgical operations and treatment. The amount charged to such is intended to be only sufficient to meet their necessary expenses.

3d. Those patients who are destitute and who are supported and treated gratuitously. To provide for this large class, the annual appropriation by the State of \$2,000, a trifling allowance from towns, for their poor, and the bounty income of the Society from its little "Permanest Fund," are the only reliance. "The poor ye have always with you," and the number of this class received into the Hospital is only limited by the small pecuniary resources of the institution. With the increase of expenditure in supporting them, it is difficult to see how this

rapidly increasing class of applicants can receive Hospital privileges without further aid from those who have the will and ability to do good to their fellow-men.

4th. *Soldiers.* Since the close of the war, many of this class, disabled by wounds and disease, have been received into the Hospital. Sympathy for these unfortunate heroes has induced our Legislature to make adequate provision for this class, while in the institution.

The physicians and surgeons in attendance receive no compensation, but freely give their services at all hours of the day or night.

During the late war, at the urgent request of the Government, and the special desire of Gov. Buckingham, the Hospital premises were leased to the United States, for the purposes of a Military Hospital, being occupied chiefly by sick and wounded soldiers from our own State. The lease was made for five years, in consequence of which, it became unavoidably necessary for the Society to provide other quarters for their own patients. After keeping possession for nearly a year and a half, the Government repudiated the lease, refusing to pay the several months rent then due, or to make any further payments, as stipulated in the lease. The Society was thus left in a very embarrassing situation; its expected income being cut off and with the indebtedness incurred in the purchase of its new location. Many attempts were made to effect a settlement with the United States, but these were of no avail until within the past year, the Hon. James E. English, after much personal effort, adjusted the claim. The pecuniary loss inflicted by the non-fulfillment of the lease on the part of the United States was a serious inconvenience to an institution whose resources were already too small for the work to be accomplished.

It is believed that the practical advantages of the Hospital are appreciated by the benevolent who visit it, as well as by the unfortunate, who partake of its benefits. It is in no sense a local charity, confined to a single town or county, but while its particular field is our whole State, "the stranger and sojourner" are not refused admittance. With the growth of our cities and towns, the demands upon an institution of this kind are constantly increasing. It is hoped that as in the past, it has by prudent management been enabled to afford relief to thousands of our suffering fellow-men, so in the future, its usefulness may be continued and enlarged to an extent proportionate with the increase of population in our State.

REPORT.

To the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN:—In presenting the forty-second annual report, the Board of Directors have the pleasure of congratulating you upon the continued usefulness of the Hospital under their charge. A larger number of patients have been received and a larger number have been cured and discharged than in any previous year.

The following tables will briefly show the operations of the past year.

RECEIPTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1898.

Balance of account,	\$ 105.01
From State of Connecticut, for support of Patients,	2,346.82
" " " " " " " " Soldiers,	2,200.46
" " " " " " " " " "	
1898,	789.45
" United States, for support of Semmes,	1,482.94
" Town of New Haven, for support of Patients,	1,011.20
" Board of Patients,	8,159.67
" Sales of Fruit and Vegetables,	255.10
" Life Membership,	57.00
" Payment on Notes secured by Mortgage,	250.00
" United States in settlement of claim for loan,	9,000.00
" Interest and dividends—Permanent Fund,	787.98
" Notes discounted at Yale National Bank,	5,000.00
	\$26,828.76

DISBURSEMENTS.

Wages, Steward's salary and labor,	\$2,323.73
Supplies (Provisions, &c.,)	4,572.84
Medicines,	443.23
Repairs, Furniture and Crockery,	1,150.78
Fuel,	676.50
Gas, Oil and Water,	180.40
Barn expenses,	227.18
Adv't, Postage and Stationery,	103.64
Funeral Expenses,	42.00
Alterations and Work on Grounds,	378.03
Miscellaneous,	75.39
Deeds and Revenue Stamps,	16.50
Expenses—settlement of claim against the United States,	50.00
Insurance,	52.00
Note and interest, Yale National Bank,	5,585.56
Loan and interest,	3,309.50
Note and interest, Yale National Bank,	5,617.33
Deposits Connecticut Savings Bank,	400.00
" National " "	400.00
" Townsend " "	400.00
Balance to new account,	497.15
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	\$26,828.76

PERMANENT FUND.

40 Shares Merchants National Bank, New York—	
Legacy of the late Hon. Dennis Kimbory,	\$2,000.00
10 Shares Yale National Bank,	1,000.00
U. S. 5 per cent. Bonds of 1881,	2,000.00
U. S. 5 per cent. " 5-20's,	2,000.00
Balance of Interest,	75.00
Notes secured by mortgage,	12,000.00
Deposits in Connecticut Savings Bank,	400.00
" National " "	400.00
" Townsend " "	400.00
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	\$20,275.00

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, March 31, 1898,	20	10	30
Admitted during the year,	188	78	266
Total,	208	88	296
Of this number, there have been Discharged,			
Recovered,	110	44	154
Improved,	37	23	60
Removed,	13	8	21
Died,	21	9	30
Total discharged during the year,	181	84	265
Remaining March 31, 1899,	27	4	31

Whole number of State Patients,	137	
“ “ “ Soldiers,	51	
“ “ “ Marine Patients,	52	
“ “ “ General Patients,	53	296

No. of weeks State Patients were supported,	965 3-7
“ “ “ Soldiers “ “	400 3-7
“ “ “ Marine Patients “	283 1-7
“ “ “ General “ “	280 6-7

Whole No. of weeks patients were supported	1,909 6-7
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MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM APRIL 1, 1898, TO APRIL 1, 1899.

	Males.	Females	Total		Males.	Females	Total.
April,	13	3	16	November,	10	6	16
May,	12	4	16	December,	18	6	24
June,	13	6	21	January,	10	10	20
July,	20	12	32	February,	14	4	18
August,	19	3	24	March,	16	3	19
September,	19	6	25				
October,	22	11	33	Total,	188	78	266

NATIVITY.

United States,	131	Bavaria,	1
Ireland,	117	Prince Edward's Island,	1
England,	19	Australia,	1
Germany,	19	East India,	1
France,	1	Netherlands,	1
Scotland,	5		
China,	1	America,	131
Austria,	1	Foreign,	165
Sweden,	1		
Canada,	2	Total,	296
Norway,	1		

OCCUPATION.

Agents,	2	Farmers,	7	Machinists,	9	Saloon-keep-	
Butcher,	1	Farrier,	1	Music teach-		ers,	3
Clerks,	5	Gardeners,	2	er,	1	Seamstresses,	5
Coachmen,	3	Hortlers,	2	Printer,	1	Teamsters,	3
Cooks,	8	Laborers,	28	Physician,	1	Telegraph	
Domestics,	27	Laundress-		Painter,	1	operator,	1
Dress-mk'rs,	8	es,	5	Quarrymen,	2	Tailors,	3
Dyer,	1	Manufactur-		Sea Cap-		Waiters,	3
Editor,	1	ers,	2	tains,	3	No occupa-	
Factory op-		Mechanics,	36	Seamen,	48	tions,	56
eratives,	7	Merchants,	3	Shoe-mk'rs,	7		

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Abscess of Liver,	1	Gangrene of Lungs,	1
Accident,	1	Necrosis of Femur,	1
Aneurism of Aorta,	1	Old Age,	3
Apoplexy,	1	Paralysis,	1
Bright's Disease,	2	Phthisis (consumption),	5
Burn,	1	Pneumonia,	1
Calcification of Aortic		Railroad injury,	2
Valves,	1	Syphilitic Meningitis,	1
Cancer of Uterus,	1		
Cancer of Liver,	1	Total,	30
Cancer of Bladder,	1		
Delirium Tremens,	1	Males,	21
Droopy,	1	Females,	9
Fever Typhoid,	2		

No. of Births,	9
Males,	6
Females,	3

SURGICAL OPERATIONS.

Amputation of thigh,	2
" " leg,	2
Double Hare Lip,	2
Fistula in Ano,	3
Removal of Inferior Maxillary Bone,	1
Resection of Tibia,	1
Removal of Glandular tumors from neck,	4
Removal of Vascular tumors from Meatus Urin,	1
Removal of Fibrous tumor of testicle,	1
Removal of Metacarpal bone of index finger,	1
Removal of portion of Frontal Bone,	1
Vesico Vaginal Fistula,	2
Total,	21
Fractures,	6
Injuries,	12

Two hundred and ninety-six patients have been under medical treatment during the past year. One hundred and fifty-four have been discharged cured—sixty-four have been greatly relieved, and thirty have died—of the latter, sixteen were chronic cases, and three were octogenarians.

Twenty-one surgical operations, of greater or less severity, have been successfully performed.

The greatest number of patients on any day was fifty-three; the least number was twenty-seven; the daily average, forty.

Patients have been supported in the Hospital nineteen hundred and nine six-sevenths weeks. Average continuance in Hospital, six and four-tenths weeks.

The average cost per week of the support of each patient, not including the rent of buildings, or the cost of extraordinary repairs, has been five dollars and forty-nine cents.

The average amount per week received from State appropriations for each patient entitled to the benefit of that fund has been two dollars and thirty-three cents.

At the close of the last year, there were remaining in Hospital, six soldiers, formerly connected with Connecticut regiments; forty-six have been admitted during the year. Suffering from the effects of wounds received in battle, and from long continued service in the field, this class of patients has received peculiar care and attention. Forty-five have been discharged, cured or sufficiently relieved to enable them to pursue, to some extent, their ordinary avocations.

It has been our constant endeavor to administer conscientiously the avails of the State appropriation of two thousand dollars per annum, and to extend its benefits as widely as possible. In no instance during the past year has the whole expense of any patient been charged to this fund. One hundred and thirty-seven persons have been assisted, the majority of whom belong, it is believed, to that worthy class who are able to take care of themselves, unless disabled by sickness or accident. The cost to the State has been, as before stated, the small sum of two dollars and thirty-three cents per week, for each individual.

The contract with United States Government, for the support of sick and disabled seamen, has been renewed at five dollars per week, for each patient.

At the last annual meeting, the consideration and settlement of the claim against the United States Government was referred to a special committee. In view of their forthcoming report, it is sufficient to say here, that through the efforts of Gen. English the claim has been adjusted, and the amount (\$20,000) received has been applied to the liquidation of the debts of the Society.

The temporary loan and all claims for current expenses have been paid. Your Directors have the pleasure of reporting the Society to be free from all indebtedness.

The property on Whalley Avenue temporarily occupied for hospital purposes, has been sold, on terms the most favorable to be obtained. A small amount of the purchase money has

been paid; the remainder is deemed amply secured by mortgage of real estate in this city. The interest will hereafter be available for the general purposes of the Society.

Various improvements have from time to time suggested themselves, but nothing involving any considerable expenditure of money has been attempted. The earth-closet has been introduced, to the great comfort and satisfaction of patients and attendants. Thus far it has proved a success, accomplishing all that was expected of it. The dried earth is a perfect deodorizer, and the mechanism by which it is applied, is simple and effective.

The confidence heretofore reposed in the Steward and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Colton, has been fully justified during the past year. By strict attention to their respective duties, they have merited the thanks of all concerned in the management of the Hospital.

DONATIONS.

Our thanks are due to the following named societies and individuals for clothing:

"Our Society," by Miss B. Bacon, "St. John's Guild," Henry W. Mansfield, Rev. Wm. G. Andrews, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. Wright and Miss H. Law.

We gratefully acknowledge the reception of a large and valuable collection of trees, from Dr. A. S. Manson, an old and tried friend of the Hospital.

Our walls have been adorned with pictures, contributed by Messrs. A. F. Abbot, of Waterbury, Joseph Colton and Dr. F. L. Dibble, of New Haven.

Prof. O. P. Hubbard, Nelson Hall, Esq., Dr. E. H. Bishop, Mrs. W. T. Enstis, Mrs. Henry B. Harrison, and Elias Pierpont, Esq., have furnished magazines and newspapers, to the great satisfaction and enjoyment of our convalescents.

A. L. Train, Esq. has sent us the "Daily Palladium," free of charge, and the proprietors of the "Daily Register" and "Journal and Courier," have made a deduction of one-half of their respective bills.

Materials for a Thanksgiving dinner were supplied by

Messrs. M. A. Osborne, W. C. DeForest, Henry T. Blake, H. N. Whittlesey, George B. Farnum, A. Foote & Co., Dr. F. L. Dibble, Dr. Francis Bacon, Dr. Nathan Adams and Rev. P. Lawler.

Messrs. Judson Brothers, Dr. H. A. Dubois, Rev. E. J. O'Brien, and others, contributed to the enjoyment of our patients by sending us the materials for our Christmas dinner.

The following cash donations are here gratefully acknowledged.

Hon. W. W. Boardman,	\$100.00
Dr. W. W. Rodman,	12.00
Hon. Lemuel Cutler, Watertown, Conn.	5.00
J. DeForest, " "	20.00
C. T. Woodruff, " "	20.00
C. A. Warner, " "	10.00
A. Warner, " "	5.00
Mrs. S. M. Buckingham, Waterbury, Conn.	\$100.00
" J. P. Elton, " "	5.00
" S. W. Hall, " "	5.00
Rev. Thomas P. Hendrickson, " "	5.00
Henry Merriam, " "	5.00
Hon. S. W. Kellogg, " "	5.00
J. C. Booth, " "	5.00

\$212.00

The Directors cannot close this Report without calling the attention of the members of this Corporation, and of our fellow-citizens generally, to the limited capacity of the Hospital, and to the necessity of its enlargement and improvement. Our wards are crowded to excess, and our building, erected nearly forty years ago, fails to meet the requirements of the times, and the demands of modern sanitary science. It offers but little opportunity for the classification of diseases, and is so arranged that the modern appliances for full and effective ventilation cannot be employed. Our attending physicians, zealous in the discharge of their duty, and earnest in their endeavor to relieve the sick, are unable to avail themselves of the result of modern science in the treatment of disease. Each year

demonstrates the necessity of the Hospital to the people of this portion of the State and of this city. Applications for admission are constantly received from various quarters, which we are obliged to disregard for want of suitable accommodations. During the past year we have been forced to deny admission to many in our midst, whose cases demanded immediate care and attention. Our financial resources, barely sufficient to maintain the Hospital in its present condition, do not admit of progressive improvement.

The necessities of our rapidly increasing population demand the immediate erection of additional wards and the thorough reconstruction of the buildings now in use.

To enlarge the Hospital and to bring it up to its highest efficiency, an outlay of at least \$50,000 is required. A petition for \$30,000 has been presented to the Legislature, now in session, and, for the remainder, we confidently appeal to the generous and liberal-minded of our community.

Commending our institution to the kind care of that Divine Providence which has thus far protected it, in conclusion we repeat the earnest wish that our fellow citizens would visit the Hospital often, and learn by actual inspection its uses and wants.

L. D. WILCOXSON,	} <i>Prudential Committee.</i>
D. L. DAGGETT,	
W. S. CHARNLEY,	

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

Patients are admitted to the Hospital by a permit from the Chairman of the Prudential Committee, who arranges the price per week according to the circumstances of the patient and the accommodation and attendance required.

Patients who are able to pay in part for their support, are received at an agreed rate.

Persons destitute of friends or means are always received and provided for in various ways.

In cases of accident, persons carried directly to the Hospital from the place of injury, are received without the certificates of the Chairman of the Prudential Committee.

HOSPITAL REGULATIONS.

The patients shall not leave the Hospital grounds without permission from the Steward, or a medical attendant, nor absent themselves longer than the time prescribed by such permission.

In exercising out of doors, patients will confine themselves to the graded walks, and not intrude upon the grass or cultivated grounds.

No fruit or vegetables shall be taken from the trees, vines or grounds, without permission of the Steward, and no injury done to the premises.

Spitting on the floor, and other practices inconsistent with neatness of the building and furniture, must be avoided, and a proper regard must be observed for cleanliness in and around the Hospital.

There shall be no loud talking, nor any profane, vulgar or obscene language, nor any unnecessary noise or disturbance in the building or on the grounds of the Hospital; nor shall any insulting or abusive language or conduct be allowed, either towards other patients or the attendants.

No potent spirits or other stimulating drinks shall be brought into the Hospital by patients or their friends; nor shall patients be furnished with fruits or any articles of food without the knowledge and permission of a medical attendant.

Visitors shall not be admitted to the rooms of patients without permission from the Steward or medical attendants. No dog or other domestic animal shall be kept on the premises, except under the direction of the Steward.

Any patient who has been discharged for disobedience or other reasons, shall not be allowed to come upon the Hospital premises without permission.

It shall be the duty of the Steward to enforce a strict observance of the above regulations, and if occasion require, to procure the aid of the city police for the purpose.

All convalescents who are able and who do not pay the regular charge of the Institution, shall assist generally in the police of their respective wards.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

General Hospital Society of Conn.

PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

APRIL 18th, 1873.

New Haven:

FROM PRESS OF HUGGISON & ROBINSON.

1873

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, in the City of New Haven, the sum of ——— dollars, to be paid by my executors of my real or personal estate, as soon as the settlement of my affairs will permit, to the Treasurer of said Institution for the time being, in trust, to be applied by the directors thereof to the legitimate purposes of said Institution.

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REPORT.

To the Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

GENTLEMEN:—The forty-sixth Annual Report is respectfully submitted.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, March 31, 1872.	41	13	54
Admitted during nine months, . . .	228	94	322
Total, . . .	270	107	377
Of this number there have been discharged:			
Cured,	164	65	229
Improved,	20	7	27
Unimproved and removed, . . .	12	7	19
Died,	15	16	31
Remaining Dec. 31, 1872,	214	89	303
	61	15	76
	275	104	379

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM APRIL 1, 1872, TO DEC. 31, 1872.

	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
April,	22	12	34	October,	28	11	39
May,	18	10	28	November,	18	13	31
June,	21	4	25	December,	29	8	37
July,	32	10	42	Total,	228	94	322
August,	22	9	31				
September,	37	11	48				

AGE AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males	Females	Total
Under 15 years,	7	4	11
From 15 to 20 years,	22	8	30
" 20 to 30 "	67	42	109
" 30 to 40 "	48	14	62
" 40 to 50 "	48	12	60
" 50 to 60 "	58	8	66
" 60 to 70 "	14	4	18
" 70 to 80 "	4	1	5
" 80 to 90 "	1	1	2
Total,	228	91	319

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS.

United States,	131	Norway,	1
Ireland,	117	Scotland,	6
Germany,	32	Canada,	5
England,	22	France,	3
Sweden,	6	Nova Scotia,	1
Denmark,	4	Isle of Malta,	1
		Total,	279

OCCUPATION OF PATIENTS.

Aw-Maker,	1	Cochmen,	4	Back Drivers,	2	Quarrymen,	5
Brewers,	1	Cabinet Mk'rs,	9	Iron Molders,	1	Sigar-Makers,	2
Butchers,	1	Carpent We'rs,	1	Landross,	1	Shoemakers,	4
Blacksmiths,	8	Doctor,	1	Laborers,	30	Sailors,	48
Brick-Makers,	6	Dress-Makers,	2	Machinists,	7	Seamstresses,	2
Bushmen,	4	Domestics,	14	Marble cut'rs,	3	Shipcarpent'rs,	1
Burnishers,	1	Engineer,	1	Molders,	5	Servants,	37
Boiler-Maker,	1	Farmers,	22	Masons,	4	Stone cut'rs,	5
Bar-Tenders,	4	Gardeners,	1	Nurses,	3	Turners,	3
Baker,	1	Harness-Mk'rs,	2	Painters,	5	Tailors,	4
Barbers,	2	House-keep'rs,	20	Poshlers,	4	Waiters,	6
Carpenters,	7	Huntlers,	3	Platers,	5		
Clerks,	7	Horse-car-dr'rs,	2	Printers,	2	Total,	379
Cooks,	5						

Whole number of State Patients,	120
Soldiers,	78
Sailors,	48
General,	74
Total,	199

TOWNS OF CONNECTICUT REPRESENTED IN THE HOSPITAL FOR
THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1872.

Colchester,	Birkhamstead,	Oxford,	Old Lyme,
Litchfield,	Cheshire,	Groton,	Thompson,
Plymouth,	Ansonia,	Fair Haven,	Mt. Carmel,
Waterbury,	Hartington,	New Town,	Westville,
New Haven,	Derby,	Caldwells,	Westport,
Bridgeport,	Southport,	Prospect,	East Haven,
Meriden,	Norwalk,	Southington,	Orange,
Hartford,	Guildford,	Greenwich,	Milford,
N. Branford,	Brookfield,	Branford,	Stratford,
Wallingford,	Beacon Falls,	Canton,	Easton,
North Haven,	Portland,	Belmont,	Danbury,
West Haven,	Birmingham,	Chester,	New Milford,
Naugatuck,	Middletown,	New London,	Mashon
Hartden,			

Number of weeks State Patients were Supported,	1000
" " Soldiers	804
" " Marine	170
" " General	285
Total,	2,344

— SURGICAL OPERATIONS. —

Amputation right Thigh,	2	Operation on Eyes,	1
" " " Leg,	1	" " Palate,	1
" " " Arm,	1	" " on Urethra,	2
Total,	4		

Number of births,	50
Males,	19
Females,	31
Miscarriages,	1

DISEASES.

ZYMOTIC.

Typical Fever,	25	Diarrhoea (acute)	8
Intermittent Fever,	33	Diarrhoea (chronic)	2
Remittent Fever,	8	Dysphtheria,	1
Erysipelas,	1		—
Dysentery (acute)	1		59
Dysentery (chronic)	1		

CONSTITUTIONAL.

Rheumatism (acute)	12	Cancer (sarcoma)	1
Rheumatism (chronic)	8	Gangrene,	2
Rheumatism (muscular)	3	Debility,	13
Gout,	4	Old Age,	2
Syphilis (primary)	10		—
Syphilis (secondary)	2		59
Cancer (epithelial)	4		

DISEASES OF NERVOUS SYSTEM.

Epilepsy,	1	Hysteria,	1
Insanity,	9	Apoplexy,	1
Delirium Tremens,	15	Paraplegia,	3
Neuralgia,	2	Puerperal Mania,	1
Softening of the brain,	2	Hemiplegia,	3
Congestion of the brain,	1		—
Concussion of the brain,	3		42

DISEASES OF BONES.

Necrosis,	2	Anchylitis,	2
			4

DISEASES OF INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM.

Ulcers,	23	Mucosa,	2
Eczema,	1		—
		Total,	25

WOUNDS, INJURIES, AND ACCIDENTS.

Wounds incised,	10	Frozen Feet,	2
Injuries, Contusions,	19	Sprain of ankle,	1
Fractures (simple)	16	Lacerated ankle,	1
Fractures (compound)	2	Dislocation of shoulder,	1
Burns,	2	San Stroke,	2
Frozen Hands,	4		—
Gunshot wounds,	2		56

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Ossification of the Aorta,	1	Typhoid Fever,	1
Phthisis,	8	Accident,	1
Pneumonia,	2	Tetanus,	1
Pyæmia,	3	Old Age,	1
Congestion of the brain,	1		—
Abscess of the brain,	1		28
Rail Road Injury,	6		

DISEASES OF THE EYE.

Conjunctivitis,	5	Retinitis,	5
Chorioiditis,	6		—
		Total,	11

DISEASES OF ORGANS OF CIRCULATION.

Pericarditis,	1	Purpura Hemorrhagica,	2
Scurbutus,	1		—
Hypertrophy of Heart,	2		6

DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY ORGANS.

Bronchitis,	12	Asthma,	1
Phthisis,	14	Pulmonary Hemorrhage,	1
Pneumonia,	5		—
Pleuritis,	11	Total,	36

DISEASES OF DIGESTIVE ORGANS.

Dyspepsia,	6	Inflammation of Cecum,	1
Protruding Anus,	1	Tonsillitis,	2
Fistula in Ano,	2	Stricture of Rectum,	2
Constipation,	1		
Hernia,	1	Total,	11

DISEASES OF URINARY AND GENITAL ORGANS.

Gonorrhoea,	2	Inflammation of Bladder,	1
Stricture of Urethra,	1	Protruding Uterus,	1
Bubo,	2		
Anteversion of Uterus,	2	Total,	14
Retroflexion of Uterus,	1		

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries,	\$2,659.66
Provisions,	5,781.31
Medicines,	402.53
Rent,	312.75
Improvement on Grounds,	260.17
Repairs and Furniture,	1,982.61
Books and Stationery,	164.24
Gas and Water,	267.10
Fuel,	686.06
Funeral Expenses,	25.00
Insurance,	52.00
	\$12,187.84

RECEIPTS.

Mariano Patients,	\$1,269.00
State Patients,	1,501.49
Town of New Haven,	1,019.11
Soldiers,	6,210.31
Cash from General Patients,	3,402.75
	\$12,422.66

At the annual meeting of the Connecticut Hospital Society, held at the Hospital May 26th, 1872, it was voted that, in future "the annual meeting of the Society shall be held at the Hospital in New Haven, on the third Thursday in April in each year, or such hour as the President and Secretary may direct, of which meeting notice shall be given."

At the annual meeting of the Directors of the Hospital Society, held May 10th, 1872, it was voted "that the Præbental Committee be instructed to make the fiscal year in future begin on the first day of January."

The annual meeting of the Hospital Society had been held always in former years on the second Thursday in May.

The above resolutions of the Society and Board of Directors, were passed partly, because it seemed more convenient to have the financial year end on the 31st day of December, but chiefly, to facilitate the earlier printing of the annual report of the Præbental Committee, in order that it might be distributed to the State Officials early in the session of the Legislature, which convenes on the first Wednesday in May.

The present report therefore deals only with the transactions of the Hospital for the nine months ending December 31st, 1872.

If the reader will take the trouble to compare the present with former reports of the Hospital, it will be found that the proportionate increase in the number of patients admitted into the Institution during these nine months, has been very much greater than in any previous year. In the present report there are three hundred and nineteen admissions registered, against three hundred and twenty-eight for the entire year ending March 31st, 1872.

If the patients which have been admitted during the three months ending March 31st, 1873, were added to the admissions of the previous nine months, an increase of twenty per cent would be shown above that of last year.

If we go back five years and compare the present with the report for the year ending March 31st, 1868, the most striking contrast will be found to exist between the two; that of the year 1868, records two hundred and twenty patients admitted during the year, against three hundred and nineteen for the nine months that the present document deals with; or if we take the nine corresponding months of the earlier report, we find one

hundred and seventy-five admissions for that period in 1867, against three hundred and nineteen for the nine months ending December 31st, 1872.

If we analyze a little further the report of 1868, it appears that the average daily number for that year was thirty-four; the greatest number on any day was forty-five; the smallest number was twenty-two.

The average daily number during the last nine months was a fraction under sixty, the highest number on any one day was seventy-eight, the lowest forty-four, this last being nearly equal to the greatest number on any one day during the year ending March 31st, 1868, and precisely double the corresponding number of that year.

In the year last named, patients were supported seventeen hundred and eighty-one weeks; in the nine months ending December 31st, 1872, patients were supported twenty-three hundred and forty-five weeks.

In whatever way we may group the figures of these two reports, they prove that the Hospital is now performing almost double the work that it accomplished five years ago.

There were sixty patients remaining in the Hospital under treatment on March 31st, 1872, which, being added to the number admitted during the last nine months, make three hundred and seventy-nine persons who have received the benefits of the Hospital during this period; there have been discharged, cured, two hundred and twenty-nine; twenty-seven have been improved, and nineteen have been removed as incurable, or before a proper time had elapsed wherein their condition could be determined; eight surgical operations have been performed. Twenty births have occurred, twelve male and eight female. Twenty-eight have died.

The average cost per week of each patient, not including rent of building, has been five dollars and twenty cents. This exhibit of the expense of maintaining each patient compares favorably with former years, especially if we consider the extraordinary size of the item against "repairs and furniture" in the table of disbursements.

For a year or two past the culinary apparatus has been found incompetent to suitably cook the food for the entire establish-

ment. A few months ago an entirely new range and accompaniments, built by Messrs. E. Monrose & Dupanquet, of New York, were placed in the Hospital, which not only work admirably for present wants, but prove a capacity to supply well cooked food of all kinds for triple the number of patients than the building now occupied can possibly contain. This addition has been made at an expense, including plumbing, of about one thousand dollars.

On the first day of July, 1872, the contract with the United States Government was renewed for the support and medical treatment of marine patients on the basis of one dollar per day for each patient.

The present report shows that the Hospital contained at one time during the year 1872, as many as seventy-eight patients, which is eight more than were ever before squeezed into the Institution on any single day.

The Presidential Committee does not mention the fact with any sensation of triumph, but to show the great stress that the Hospital has been in, to afford room for those patients who have applied for admission. They were forced to prevent their consignment to a worse place.

Early in March, 1872, the Building Committee, consisting of Drs. Jewett, Daggett and Lindsay, opened a correspondence with F. C. Withers, Esq., of New York city, a gentleman of experience and reputation in hospital architecture, and invited him to make a survey of the old Hospital building and grounds, and produce a plan with the probable cost of additional structures to accommodate from seventy-five to one hundred patients above the capacity of the old building.

A little later R. G. Russell, Esq., architect of this city, was requested to submit his ideas in a plan for the proposed extension of the Hospital.

Mr. Donald G. Mitchell was also consulted.

These plans were presented to the Board of Directors late in May, 1872. At this time there had not been collected more than two-thirds of the prescribed amount to be raised by the friends of the Hospital to entitle it to the equal amount of twenty thousand dollars donated by the State, and the financial prospects of the Institution, as far as the new building was concerned, were far from agreeable.

It need not detract a title from the merits of other and earlier friends of the Hospital to name the three gentlemen who at this meeting of the Directors, did more for the immediate advancement of the subject in question than any others before them.

Many had given money liberally, but Ex-Governor English, Messrs. Wm. Fitch and Harmanus M. Welch, deserve a more prominent and lasting recognition of their services at this period than this report can give them, for not only furnishing generously their means, but for pointing out the way in which the new building could be commenced without delay and hurried to completion.

At this meeting in May, 1872, the Board of Directors adopted a plan which blended the ideas of the different architects who had been consulted.

Ex-Governor English and Mr. H. M. Welch were added to the Building Committee, and these gentlemen suggested Nelson Hotchkiss, Esq., as the proper man to exercise a general supervision over the construction of the proposed building. The result thus far has proved the good judgment of this selection.

The Hospital is particularly indebted to Mr. Hotchkiss, not only for the practical knowledge he has brought to bear on the work, but for the zeal he has steadily manifested in watching closely the successive steps in the progress of the building.

The summer of 1872 was far advanced before the details were arranged for the commencement of the new edifice which is now being built.

The contract for the masonry was awarded to Messrs. Perkins, Clatfield & Co., and the road-work to Mr. A. N. Clark.

As far as advancement has been made, the structure has received the most favorable criticisms from those who are best qualified to estimate the value of the work.

When finished, it will be commodious, cheerful, well-lighted, well-heated and well-ventilated.

To the most superficial glance, the new wings present an inconspicuous contrast with the architecture of the old building; but it was thought best by those who had the work in charge, in view of future improvements, not to attempt conformity with the designs of the original Hospital.

The entire cost of the structure—including the furnishing—will be not far from eighty-five thousand dollars.

It is believed it will be ready for occupancy early in August of this year.

A more minute description of the building, with a ground plan and profile, is deferred until its completion for a subsequent report.

The patients received into the Hospital consist of the following classes:

1. Sailors, whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund, who are admitted on the order of the Collector of the port of New Haven.

2. Persons who are able and willing to pay for their own support, who resort to the Hospital on account of the superior accommodations which they can obtain at a moderate rate, or those from a distance who visit it for the purpose of submitting to surgical operations and treatment. The amount charged to such patients is intended to be only sufficient to meet their necessary expenses.

The number of this class is yearly increasing.

3. Those persons who are destitute and are supported gratuitously. To provide for this large class, the annual appropriation of the State of two thousand dollars, a trifling allowance from towns for their poor, and the scanty income from the Society's permanent fund—which will soon be exhausted to complete the new building—are the only reliance.

The number of applicants of this class for hospital relief increases annually, as the city grows larger, beyond all proportion to the number of any other class.

4. Soldiers. Soon after the close of the late war, the State made an appropriation, which has been continued annually, for the maintenance of sick or wounded soldiers, who were honorably discharged from Connecticut regiments which had served in the war of the rebellion.

It is believed that the records of the Hospital will attest the wisdom of this generous appropriation; more especially during the last year the Hospital has sheltered and provided for many of this class, who otherwise would have been neglected and fated to seek a home in our almshouses.

Besides the above named, there is a constantly increasing class, the victims of accident on the streets, on the different railroads, or

the various manufacturing establishments in the city and its vicinity. A large number of these are homeless men and women, poor in purse, who are frequently maintained during their stay in the Hospital without any compensation whatever to the Institution.

This class of patients are always admitted immediately on their application without the ceremony of a permit, provided they are taken to the Hospital from the place where the accident occurred.

The Hospital is indebted to the following named clergymen, who have conducted religious services at the Institution at various times during the past year: Rev. Wm. Andrews, of the Church of the Ascension, Rev. Frederick Hyde, Chaplain of Trinity House, and to gentlemen of the Theological Seminary. A temperance lecture has been given every Saturday evening during the last winter.

The commendation which has been bestowed in former years on the management of the Steward's department, by the present incumbent, is not less deserved in this Report; for honesty, industry, economy, a solicitude for the general welfare of the patients, and for efficiency in every particular.

The following is a list of donations received at different times during the period covered by this Report:

DONATIONS FOR 1872-'73.

North Church Society, 15 pairs of new sheets, 5 pairs of old do, 12 pairs of pillow cases, 1 pair of old pants, 6 new shirts, 2 night gowns, 1 double gown, 1 pair of men's wrappers, 2 pair old drawers, 1 bed quilt, and a bundle of papers; William T. Cannon, 3 shirts, 6 pair of stockings, 1 vest, 1 pair pants, 2 pair of drawers, 2 pair of shoes, and old cloth.

Mrs. Larned, 1 bottle of wine, 3 books, 2 pictures; Mrs. Curran, 3 yards of old linen for bandages.

Mrs. Galpin, 1 promade; Mrs. Dargol Frowbridge, large lot of linen sheets for bandages; Mrs. A. N. Skinner, large bundle of cloth for bandages; Dr. T. H. Bishop, 30 Patern's Magazines; Mrs. John Beach, four packages of magazines; A. A. Brace, large box of books and magazines; Mr. Edward Marble, maga-

zines; Rev. Mr. Hernandez, 10 volumes of Chambers Miscellany of instructive and entertaining tracts; Mrs. P. J. Griffin, books and magazines; Rev. Mr. Hyde, 24 volumes of common prayer books, 24 volumes of the mission service books; New Haven Club, 75 magazines.

THANKSGIVING.

Mrs. G. W. Staples, 1 bushel of sweet potatoes, 4 quarts cranberries, 4 dozen oranges, one dozen lemons, 2 lbs. fancy cake; Henry Reibemer, one turkey; Dr. L. J. Sanford, one turkey; William Armstrong, one turkey; Mrs. Bacon, 1 bushel apples, 4 bunches celery; Mr. H. W. Farnon, fifty dollars; Mrs. Eli Blake, five dollars; Lieut.-Governor Morris Tyler, three dollars; Mrs. Eliza Strubell, one turkey, one bottle wine; Mrs. Larned, 4 papers corn starch; Mrs. J. A. Bishop, one turkey; Mrs. T. H. Bishop, one turkey; Charles H. Oaks, 50 sweet oranges; John H. Rax, one turkey, 3 chickens; Mrs. E. C. Seranton, one bushel sweet potatoes, and one turkey; Mrs. Robinson, one turkey; H. T. Blake, five dollars; Mrs. Daniel Trowbridge, one ham; D. L. Daggett, M. D., two turkeys.

CHRISTMAS.

William C. DeForest, one turkey; Bernard Boley, one turkey; Mrs. W. Boardman, one turkey; Mrs. Eliza Strubell, one turkey; Taltobell & Thompson, 5 cakes, and a lot of doughnuts; Mrs. Abraham Hinton, 2 chickens, 1 turkey; Mrs. P. J. Griffin, one bottle wine, one bottle brandy, one bottle whisky, one bottle gin; William H. Sears, one gas stove; Mrs. George M. Staples, eight dozen oranges.

The Hospital is indebted to the following named ladies for their contributions to aid in furnishing a cabinet organ:

Mrs. E. S. Seranton,	\$10.00
" Boardman,	5.00
" T. H. Bishop,	5.00
" F. Bacon,	5.00
" H. O. Hotchkiss,	5.00
" J. Gillette,	5.00
" Daniel Trowbridge,	5.00
" W. A. Larned,	5.00
Mr. Farnon,	5.00

P. L. DIBBLE,
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Visitors' Report.

The Visitors for the past year respectfully report to the Directors of the Hospital that in the discharge of their ordinary routine duties, they have found no occasion to express dissatisfaction with the care or treatment of patients, but on the contrary, have seen very much to commend. Both from personal observation and from conversations with the inmates, they are satisfied that attention and kindness from the Hospital officials, care as to the quality and appropriateness of the food, and a general good order and neatness observable in and about the institution, have habitually characterized its management.

While the entire inadequacy of the old building for the proper accommodation of its inmates has been repeatedly forced upon our notice, the noble edifice now in process of completion, precludes the necessity for further remarks on this subject. The Visitors, however, cannot refrain from the expression of their solicitude as to the provision of an adequate supply of Hospital Furniture for the new building. They are aware of the very limited means at the disposal of the Society, and of the necessity for a rigid and almost parsimonious economy to enable the Directors to meet the regular current expenses of the Hospital, but they cannot without some anxiety look forward to the opening of the new building, for the proper furnishing of which they see no provision. In the past history of the Institution, the Hospital furniture seems to have been rather poor in quality, and often quite insufficient in quantity. Water beds for alternated patients, easy chairs for convalescents, supplies of old linen for surgical cases, beds and bedding, needing frequent renewal under the necessarily hard usage of the wards of a crowded as well as a medical Hospital, have none of them been furnished with the liberality that is looked for in every well-endowed hospital. But the New Haven Hospital has never been well endowed, or indeed in any proper sense, endowed at all. If ever a great public charity lived along from hand to mouth, it has been the charity whose affairs you administer. Whenever some urgent necessity for assistance has arisen, the Hospital Directors seem either to have got on without it, or to have taken to begging—generally from each other—for the small sums that were indispensable.

But with the Hospital now enlarged to receive three times its former numbers, this past policy must be abandoned. A considerable sum, probably not less than five thousand dollars, is needed to provide appropriate furniture for the use of the one hundred additional patients for whom room is soon to be furnished. The Hospital Society has not a dollar of funds of its own upon which to draw, and State aid must apparently be invoked the present session of the Legislature to complete the edifice itself; so that

no resource seems to be left except an appeal to the liberality of our citizens. The New Haven public has done comparatively little for the Hospital, chiefly because it has known so little about it. To most, it is known only as a place where poor people who are sick, or have met with accidents, are sent for treatment, and where a number of listless looking men on crutches are usually to be seen, who seem to the chance visitor to be chiefly engaged in breathing an atmosphere made up of the odors of fevers, apothecaries' drugs, and carbolic acid. A Hospital is not in itself an attractive place, and becomes so only as we are brought into personal contact and sympathy with its inmates. The statement, for instance, that in a single ward, there are no day thirteen patients under treatment, leaves a very different impression from that produced by visiting the ward itself and witnessing the thirteen occupied cots, and learning from the attendant the particulars of each suffering case.

D. R.,	age 37,	Mechanic,	Consumption.
I. G.,	" 29,	Discharged soldier,	Discore, knee joint.
R. MC.,	" 42,	House painter,	Double fracture of thigh.
W. E. T.,	" 40,	Sailor,	Single " "
T. W. R.,	" 21,	Peddler,	Glandular disease,
L. C.,	" 34,	Laborer,	Frozen feet—Toes amputated.
A. S.,	" 28,	Mechanic,	Necrosis of face.
J. D.,	" 18,	Discharged soldier,	Bronchitis.
M. M.,	" 53,	" "	Rheumatism.
C. R.,	" 24,	Laborer,	Broken Leg.
B. G.,	" 34,	Showman,	Cancer.
P. G.,	" 28,	Sailor,	Inflammation.
D. E.,	" 36,	Soldier,	Rheumatism.

The actual inspection of cases like these, where the suffering of the poor is being alleviated and their diseases cured, would call out a personal sympathy that would speedily bring an answer to the question how the necessities of the Hospital are to be supplied. A Good Samaritan would then be found in almost every household in which the words, "I was sick and ye visited me," are regarded as words of authority as well as of christian charity.

The present necessity of the Hospital seems to us to be a most urgent one, and we cannot believe that a great public charity, which has accomplished so much in the past on very limited means, and which has never been intrusive or importunate in making its wants known, will be hampered in its enlarged facilities for usefulness in the future by appealing in vain for the aid it so pressingly needs.

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Hospital Regulations.

DUTIES OF STEWARD

He shall purchase all supplies for the Hospital—shall collect all bills—shall employ the nurses and other servants required in the Hospital, under the direction of the Prudential Committee. The Steward shall have superintendence of the internal affairs of the Hospital in regard to the cleanliness of the Wards, Kitchen, Dining Rooms and Store Rooms, the furniture, bedding and clothing of the patients. He shall have charge of the grounds, and see that they are kept neat and in order. He shall see that the food is properly prepared and served, and that the extra diet is prepared and served to the patients in accordance with the directions of the attending Physicians. The Steward shall preserve order at all times among the inmates of the Hospital, and shall have power at his discretion to discharge patients for improper or disorderly conduct. He shall have the sole custody of all stimulants, and shall issue them to the House Physician on the order of the Attending Physicians.

THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Shall be subject to the regulations of the Directors. Shall manage the economical and financial concerns of the Hospital; shall meet as often as there may be occasion, and shall regulate the admissions and discharge of patients, and see that the Steward performs his duty. They shall prepare a table of general diet for the use of the patients, and revise the same from time to time as occasion may require.

In the discharge of patients they shall consult with the Attending Physicians.

THE HOUSE PHYSICIAN

Shall reside in the Hospital, and shall not absent himself at any time without the permission of the Attending Physician. He shall take in writing the medical and surgical history of every patient on admission, together with the name, age, sex, nativity,

mental condition and occupation, and this shall be recorded in the Case Book of the Hospital, with the subsequent treatment and progress of the case until the patient is discharged. He shall prepare all medicines and distribute them labelled with full directions to the nurses, and see that they are properly administered according to the order of the Attending Physicians.

He shall see that the nurses are faithful and attentive to their duties. He shall at all times give careful attention to the proper temperature and ventilation of the wards, and to their neat and orderly appearance. He shall have the custody of all the surgical instruments belonging to the Hospital, and be responsible for their safe and proper keeping.

The House Physician may, in cases of emergency, prescribe temporary for patients, but in all important and hazardous cases the Physician or Surgeon in attendance shall be immediately notified. In all other cases the medical or surgical treatment shall be exclusively by direction of the attending Physician or Surgeons. And in general the House Physician shall be under the direction of the attending Physicians and Surgeons in all his official duties.

THE ATTENDING PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS

Shall visit the Hospital daily, at a regular hour. In case he is unavoidably prevented, he shall provide that some other medical officer of the Hospital serve in his stead. He shall prescribe such medicines and diet as are necessary, and shall assign patients to their appropriate wards in the Hospital. He shall report to the Presidential Committee, in writing, whenever a patient requires no further treatment. He shall also have power to discharge patients for any breach of the rules and regulations of the Hospital. He shall make requisition upon the Steward for such medicines and stimulants as may be required for the Hospital. It shall be the duty of the Attending Physicians and Surgeons in all cases involving special danger to the patient, or severe surgical operations, and in cases of doubtful diagnosis, to call one or more of the consulting Physicians and Surgeons to decide upon treatment.

THE PATIENTS.

The patients shall not leave the Hospital grounds without permission from the Steward, or a medical attendant, nor absent themselves longer than the time prescribed by such permission.

In exercising out of doors, patients will confine themselves to the graded walks, and not intrude upon the grass or cultivated grounds.

No fruit or vegetables shall be taken from the trees, vines or grounds, without permission of the Steward, and no injury done to the premises.

Spitting on the floors, and other practices inconsistent with neatness of the building and furniture, must be avoided, and a proper regard must be observed for cleanliness in and around the Hospital.

There shall be no loud talking, nor any profane, vulgar or obscene language, nor any unnecessary noise or disturbance in the building, or on the grounds of the Hospital; nor shall any insulting or abusive language or conduct be allowed, either towards other patients or the attendants.

No ardent spirits or other stimulating drinks shall be brought into the Hospital by patients or their friends; nor shall patients be furnished with fruits or any articles of food without the knowledge and permission of a medical attendant.

Visitors shall not be admitted to the rooms of patients without permission from the Steward or medical attendants. No dog or other domestic animal shall be kept on the premises, except under the direction of the Steward.

Any patient who has been discharged for disobedience or other reasons, shall not be allowed to come upon the Hospital premises without permission.

It shall be the duty of the Steward to enforce a strict observance of the above regulations, and if occasion require, to procure the aid of the city police for the purpose.

All convalescents who are able, and who do not pay the regular charge of the Institution, shall assist generally in the police of their respective wards.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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Presented at the Annual Meeting, April 16th, 1874.



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MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR.

DR. WM. E. DUFFORD, from May, 1903.
 S. E. SALLWIN,
 DR. LEO D. WHITCOMB, from May, 1903
 DR. EDWARD SCHAEFER, from April, 1905.

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COMPOSITORS.

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PROOFREADERS.

*WM. LEPPINGWELL, Esq.,	1827-1832
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*NATHAN PACE, Esq.,	1833-1841
*HON. W. W. BOARDMAN,	1841-1842
*JONATHAN KNIGHT, M. D.,	1842-1865
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VICE-PRESIDENTS.

*JOHN S. PETERS, M. D.,	1827-1831
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*JONATHAN KNIGHT, M. D.,	1841-1842
*HON. DESSON KIMBLEY,	1842-1843
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*HON. HENRY PACE,	1856-1861
E. H. BISHOP, M. D.,	1861-1871
WM. FITCH,	1871-

TREASURERS.

*DR. JOHN SKINNER,	1827-1832
AMOS TOWNSEND, Jr.,	1832-1864
ALICE McALLISTER,	1864-1865
J. A. BISHOP,	1865-

SECRETARIES.

*CHARLES HOOKER, M. D.,	1827-1830
*N. BODEN IVER, M. D.,	1830-1835
*VINCE M. IVER, M. D.,	1835-1840
E. H. BISHOP, M. D.,	1840-1844
P. A. JEWETT, M. D.,	1844-1864
S. G. HOWARD, M. D.,	1864-1865
C. A. LINDSEY, M. D.,	1865-

BY-LAWS

OF THE

General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

1. *Meetings of the Society.*

The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held at the Hospital in New Haven, on the third Thursday of April in each year, at such time as the President and Secretary may direct. Notice of all meetings shall be published in at least two daily newspapers printed in New Haven for at least three days preceding such meeting.

2. *Meetings of the Directors.*

The Annual Meeting of the Directors shall be held on the day following the Annual Meeting of the Society, and other stated meetings shall be held on the third Friday of January, July and October in each year.

Special meetings of the Directors shall be called by order of the President whenever in his opinion the business of the Society requires it, or when requested in writing by any five of the Directors. And when special meetings are so called, he shall direct the Secretary to insert in the notices to the members the import of the business to come before them, and such notices shall be served at least two days previous to the time appointed for the meeting, when practicable.

3. *Directors' Report.*

At each Annual Meeting of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut the Board of Directors shall make a report to the

Society of the condition of the Hospital and of their action during the year.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

4. Of the President.

The President of the Society shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall call special meetings of the Board and of the Society whenever, in his opinion, the business of the Society requires it, or when requested so to do in writing by five Directors, to be held at such place in the City of New Haven as he may think proper.

5. Of the Vice-President.

In case of the absence of the President, the elected Vice-President shall possess his powers and perform his duties.

6. Of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer having given bonds to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee, shall have the custody of all bonds, titles, deeds, and other papers and documents relating to the property of the corporation, and of all moneys belonging thereto. He shall open an account with one of the banks in the City of New Haven, to be approved by the Board, in the name of this corporation, and shall deposit all moneys in such bank immediately upon his receiving them. He shall keep a proper check and account-book, showing the amount of funds in his hands, which shall at all suitable times be open to the inspection of the Directors. At each stated meeting he shall present an account, or an abstract thereof, showing the state of the treasury. He shall pay all orders which shall be drawn upon him in the manner hereafter prescribed. He shall execute such resolutions as may be adopted by the Committee of Finance relative to the investment of funds, in compliance with Article IX. of the By-Laws. He shall prepare and lay before the members of the Society at their Annual Meeting a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year, of the funds of the Society, and of the manner in which the same are invested.

7. *Of the Secretary.*

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, and shall give true copies of the same when requested by the Directors or any one of them. He shall preserve all the records and papers which belong to his office, and they shall at all times be open to the inspection of any Director. He shall notify the Directors of every meeting of the Board, by notice addressed to them through the Post Office, or otherwise, at least two days, when practicable, before the meeting; and shall give similar notice of the meetings of the Society, by publication in at least two daily city papers, for at least three days preceding such meeting. He shall also cause notice to be given to the Chairman of each Committee, of the names of the members thereof, and the object for which they may be appointed. And he shall cause every person appointed on any Standing Committee or on the Medical Board to be notified of his appointment.

8. *Election of Committees.*

The Directors shall elect by ballot, at their Annual Meeting, a Prudential Committee and a Committee of Finance, each to consist of three members; an Auditing Committee, of two members; a Superintendent; and a Board of six Visitors, who shall hold office during the year, and until others are elected in their stead, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Any vacancies occurring during the year may be filled in like manner.

9. *Of the Finance Committee.*

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance to adopt proper means of augmenting the subscriptions and benefactions, to circulate information respecting the Hospital, to see that the subscriptions are duly received, and to direct the Treasurer in investing the funds, when not otherwise ordered by the Prudential Committee.

10. *Of the Prudential Committee.*

(1.) The Prudential Committee shall consist of three Directors. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as

they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this institution; provided such orders and regulations be not inconsistent with those established by the Board of Directors.

(2.) They shall receive or reject applicants for admission in accordance with the regulations upon that subject, and shall determine whether the applicant shall be received as a free or pay patient, and in the latter case they shall fix the rate of payment; but they shall admit no person without a previous examination by one of the Medical Staff.

(3.) They shall meet at the Hospital at least once in each week; but in the interval between their meetings, and when the circumstances of the case shall require it, the Superintendent may act as their representative in the admission of patients, reporting his action in each case to the Committee at their next meeting.

(4.) They shall see that no patient is allowed to remain in the Hospital unnecessarily, or to the detriment of the institution.

(5.) They may, at their discretion, discharge any patient or Hospital attendant for disorderly conduct.

(6.) They shall have general charge of all property within the precincts of the Hospital, and authorize such repairs and disbursements as may from time to time be necessary; but no extraordinary expenditure shall be authorized exceeding one hundred dollars per month, except by the Board. They shall examine as to whether economy is observed in the several departments of the Hospital, the quantity and quality of the food and medicines furnished, and the consumption of liquors for Hospital purposes. They shall once a week inspect all the Hospital buildings, visit the wards and dead-house, laundry, water and bathing closets, inquire into the behavior of the House officers, the nurses and attendants, and the cleanliness and order of all parts of the Hospital and grounds.

(7.) They shall audit all bills and accounts, and when approved shall draw orders on the Treasurer for the payment thereof, to be signed by at least two members. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein on each visiting day their proceedings and observations, which book shall be laid before the Board at every stated meeting.

11. *Of the Auditing Committee.*

The office of the Auditing Committee shall be to examine the Treasurer's accounts at the close of each year, prior to the annual meeting, and report thereon.

12. *Of the Board of Visitors.*

The Board of Visitors shall visit the Hospital at least once each week. They shall inquire into the economical administration of the Hospital, and such other matters as are connected with the care and comfort of the patients. They shall be careful to make all recommendations and suggestions in writing to the Prudential Committee; and shall report all reasonable complaints from patients.

13. *Alterations or Additions.*

No alteration of, or additions to, these By-Laws shall be made, unless proposed in writing to this Society by at least twelve Directors, of whom six shall be Elected Directors.

FREE BEDS AND ANNUAL MEMBERS.

A donation of twenty-five hundred dollars entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed for life.

A donation of one thousand dollars entitles the donor to the same privilege for any three months which he may select in each year.

A donation of fifty dollars constitutes the donor a life member of the institution.

Twenty-five dollars a member for ten years. A donation of \$500 constitutes the donor a life director.

REGULATIONS

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

I.—*Appointments.*

All Physicians and Surgeons connected with the Hospital shall be elected by ballot, by the Board of Directors, at their Annual Meeting, for the year commencing July 1st next ensuing. Any vacancies occurring during the year may be filled in like manner from candidates nominated by the Medical Board.

II.—*Medical Board.*

(1.) There shall be four or more Consulting Physicians and Surgeons; there shall be six Attending Physicians and four Attending Surgeons, two of whom shall be termed Senior Surgeons and two Junior Surgeons.

They shall receive no pay for their services in the Hospital.

(2.) The Medical Board shall consist of the Consulting and Attending Physicians and Surgeons, four of its members constituting a quorum.

(3.) The Medical Board shall meet regularly on the first Saturday of each month, and at the first regular meeting in May of each year shall elect a President, Vice-President, and Secretary, who shall perform the customary duties of those offices respectively.

(4.) Special meetings of the Medical Board may be called by its President or by the Board of Directors.

(5.) The Medical Board shall make rules for the internal management of the Hospital, so far as the Medical Staff is concerned, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and not inconsistent with existing By-Laws.

(6.) The Medical Board shall advise the Board of Directors in all matters pertaining to the health and physical well-being of the patients. They shall regulate the diet of the patients and the manner and time of giving clinical instruction; they shall also appoint suitable persons as House Medical Staff and Apothecary.

(7.) The Medical Board shall examine all applicants for appointment on the House Medical Staff. A competitive examination shall be held in each year, at such time as may be directed by the Prudential Committee, and the candidates who are found best qualified shall be appointed to fill vacancies.

AMENDMENTS.

Adopted by the Society May 21, 1874. In Regulation I, the word "July." In Regulation II., Article 3, to be added the words "For one year from the first day of June next ensuing."

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The Senior Surgeons shall serve alternately for periods of three months each.

The attending Senior Surgeon shall visit the Hospital on each Saturday and shall be accompanied by the attending Junior Surgeon. He shall visit the Hospital and accompany the Junior on his regular daily visits, at other times when the welfare of the patients requires it, or when requested to do so for the purpose of consultation or operation.

All capital operations shall be performed by or under the direction, when practicable, of the attending Senior Surgeon. When possible, a consultation of all the Medical Board shall be called.

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III.—*Consulting Physicians and Surgeons.*

The Consulting Physicians and Surgeons shall be considered as counsellors, and shall be invited to attend all capital operations and to advise in the treatment of obscure and important cases.

IV.—*Attending Physicians and Surgeons.*

(1.) The Hospital shall be divided into one Medical and one Surgical Department.

(2a.) There shall be assigned to the Medical Department six Physicians, whose several terms of service during the year shall be two months.

(2b.) There shall be assigned to the Surgical Department two Senior and two Junior Surgeons.

The Senior Surgeons shall serve alternately for periods of three months each.

The attending Senior Surgeon shall visit the Hospital on each Saturday and shall be accompanied by the attending Junior Surgeon. He shall visit the Hospital and accompany the Junior on his regular daily visits, at other times when the welfare of the patients requires it, or when requested to do so for the purpose of consultation or operation.

All capital operations shall be performed by or under the direction, when practicable, of the attending Senior Surgeon. When possible, a consultation of all the Medical Board shall be called.

The Junior Surgeons shall serve alternately for periods of two months each.

The Attending Physician and Junior Surgeon shall visit the Hospital once daily at such hour as the Medical Board may direct, and in cases of emergency at such other times as each may deem necessary. The Junior Surgeon shall assist the Senior Surgeon in all capital operations, and shall have general charge of the treatment of patients, subject to the approval of the Senior Surgeon.

(3.) The Physicians and Surgeons having charge of each department shall so arrange that one or the other shall visit their department each day.

(4.) The attending Physicians and Surgeons shall have the entire direction of the treatment of the patients. They shall also exercise a supervision of the condition of the wards, the behavior of the orderlies and nurses, and the character of the food of the patients, and report to the Prudential Committee. They may give clinical instruction, illustrated by the patients in their respective departments, to such practitioners of medicine and students as are admitted to the Hospital.

(5.) The Attending Physicians and Surgeons on duty shall be present at the meetings of the Prudential Committee, to confer with them on the management of the House.

V. *Pathologist.*

(1.) A Pathologist shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, upon the nomination of the Medical Board.

(2.) All post-mortem examinations upon persons dying in the Hospital shall be made under the direction of the Pathologist, when practicable.

(3.) All post-mortem examinations shall be made at an appointed hour, and not until a reasonable time after the death of a patient.

(4.) All pathological specimens shall be the property of the Hospital; and shall be kept in a suitable place, to be provided by the Prudential Committee.

(5.) The Pathologist may give instruction in pathological anatomy in the autopsy-room.

(6.) The Pathologist shall have charge of the post-mortem instruments.

(7.) The Pathologist may appoint an assistant subject to the approval of the Medical Board.

VI.—*Curator.*

(1.) The Assistant to the Pathologist shall be ex-officio Curator of the Museum.

(2.) He shall have charge of the Hospital Museum, and of the necessary apparatus for preserving specimens.

(3.) He shall prepare for the Museum all such specimens as may be delivered to him for that purpose by the Pathologist, and keep a catalogue of all specimens placed in the Museum.

VII.—*House Staff.*

(1.) The House Medical Staff shall consist of one or more Physicians and one or more Surgeons, who shall severally reside in the Hospital. To these may be added assistants as occasion may require.

(2.) At the expiration of their term of service "Certificates of Service" shall be granted to the House Physician and Surgeon by the Board of Directors, on recommendation by the Medical Board.

VIII.—*The House Physician and Surgeon.*

(1.) The House Physician or House Surgeon shall examine patients applying for admission, determine what wards they shall occupy, subject to the approval of the Attending Physician or Surgeon, and if the condition of patients admits of it, shall order them to a warm bath before assigning them a bed.

(2.) The House Physician and House Surgeon shall visit each patient in their respective wards, at least morning and evening, and be prepared to report the state of the patients to the Attending Physician or Surgeon. They shall record all prescriptions and directions for their administration in books to be kept for that purpose—of which there shall be one for each ward—and shall send the same to the Apothecary shop, immediately after the visits of the attending Physician and Surgeon, each day, to be returned to the ward with the medicines.

They shall see that the medicines are regularly taken and promptly administered, with care and neatness.

There shall also be a "Special Diet" list in each ward, on which shall be recorded all orders for stimulants and extra articles of diet. This list must be written up by the House Phy-

ician or House Surgeon in the afternoon for the following day, and be sent to the Superintendent before three o'clock p. m.

In cases of special need for the same day, the House Physician or House Surgeon will give special orders. The diet lists must be returned to the wards at or before six o'clock p. m.

These lists must be inspected and signed by the Attending Physician or Surgeon once a week.

(8.) In any medical or surgical case of emergency, the House Physician or House Surgeon shall request the immediate attendance of the Attending Physician or Surgeon, or if he cannot be found, of any other physicians or surgeons of the Hospital.

(4.) The House Physician or House Surgeon shall in no case substitute his assistant in the performance of any duty specially incumbent on himself, except in a case of sudden illness or other emergency, or by permission of the Prudential Committee or of the Attending Physician or Surgeon.

(5.) The House Physician or House Surgeon shall not remove patients from one ward to another, without the approval of the Superintendent, nor shall he discharge a patient without permission from the Attending Physician or Surgeon, and the concurrence of the Superintendent.

(6.) The House Physicians and House Surgeon shall alternate weekly in examining patients for admission, and in the charge of patients admitted at night—so arranging that both duties shall not devolve at the same time upon either of them.

(7.) They shall not be absent at the usual hour of attendance of the physicians and surgeons. When either of them intend to go off the premises, he shall leave notice with the Superintendent.

The House Physician and House Surgeon must never be absent at the same time.

(8.) They shall not engage in any other business than that of the Hospital.

(9.) When a member of the House staff desires leave of absence from duty, he shall present to the Prudential Committee a petition in writing for the same, approved by his Visiting Physician or Surgeon, and the Committee may grant the leave of absence at their discretion.

IX.—*Assistants to the House Physician and House Surgeon.*

(1.) The Assistant shall attend the House Physician or House Surgeon in his morning visits to the patients, and shall also be present at the regular visit of the Attending Physician or Surgeon, and at such other times as he may direct, and shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned to them.

(2.) The Senior Assistants shall, under the direction of the Attending Physician or Surgeon, keep a record of all medical and surgical cases which occur in their respective departments. In this record shall be entered the name, age and occupation of each patient, the probable cause and history of his disease, the remedies used upon and after his admission, the name of the Attending Physician or Surgeon, his daily reports of the case, the termination either in recovery, relief or death, and such other circumstances as may tend to illustrate the case, the nature and treatment of the disease: and be prepared to submit their records to the Prudential Committee. It shall be the duty of the respective Junior Assistants to transcribe neatly and legibly every such record, when completed, into the case books. Said books shall be deposited in the Library and properly indexed.

(3.) It shall also be the special duty of the Senior Surgical Assistant to cleanse carefully all instruments after use, and return them to their proper places, and at surgical operations to admit only medical men in good standing, students invited by them, and such nurses and attendants as may be authorized to be present.

When the office of Assistants is vacant, the duties specified in Article 2 shall be performed by the House Physician and Surgeon.

(4.) All instruments and apparatus, except pocket-cases and thermometers, shall be kept in the place assigned for them, under the charge of the resident House Surgeon. He shall not loan instruments, except to members of the Hospital Medical Board, and in that case he shall take a written receipt for the instruments loaned.

(5.) The examination of candidates for appointment as Assistant to the resident House Physician and Surgeon shall be held when directed by the Medical Board.

X.—*Apothecary.*

(1.) The Apothecary shall make up all medicines prescribed, agreeably to the formulas from time to time directed by the Physicians and Surgeons. He shall deliver no medicine or other articles which are not entered on the prescription book, or to persons living out of the House. He shall put up the medicines for each ward separately, and shall annex to them labels bearing the name of the patient for whom prescribed, with printed or written directions for taking them, and he shall send them to each ward to be distributed to the patients. He shall keep splints, bandages and muslin of such sizes and in such quantities as shall be directed by the Attending Surgeon, and shall keep a book in which shall be entered the ward to which they are sent, in order that they may be returned to him when practicable.

(2.) He shall regularly attend the Dispensary, and never be absent without the Superintendent's permission. He shall keep the Dispensary and its belongings clean and in good order, and it shall remain open from 7 o'clock A. M. to 8 o'clock P. M. He shall observe careful economy in everything relating to his department, and permit no patient, attendant or other person to enter the Dispensary unnecessarily. No liquid medicines shall be put up in a larger than four ounce phial, except infusions, decoctions and those for external application.

XI.—*Of the Superintendent.*

(1.) The Superintendent shall be the Executive Officer of the Board of Directors, and responsible to it for the good order of the House.

(2.) He shall have power to hire and dismiss all male nurses and all servants, male and female,—furnishing to the House-keeper force sufficient to do the house work,—subject to the approval of the Prudential Committee; and it shall be his duty to dismiss any attendant who shall be guilty of profanity, drunkenness, neglect of duty or other gross misconduct, reporting his action and reason therefor to the Prudential Committee.

(3.) He shall purchase, under the direction of the Prudential Committee, furniture, provisions, medicines, and all other stores

required for the Hospital, and shall attend to the issue of the same, keeping under his keys all wines, spirits, etc., and issuing daily the requisite supplies for the day, to the Apothecary.

(4.) He shall keep in a book provided for that purpose a regular and accurate account of all moneys received or disbursed by him on behalf of the Hospital, and a record of all such contracts as he may be authorized to make, which book, with the vouchers, shall be laid before the Prudential Committee.

(5.) He shall deposit all Hospital moneys coming into his hands with the Treasurer forthwith, and shall obtain a draft from the Prudential Committee, upon the Treasurer, for such sums as may from time to time be required for the uses of the House. He shall account, in his statement of receipts and expenditures, for all moneys so received, which statement, with his vouchers, shall be laid before the Prudential Committee at their monthly meeting.

(6.) He shall submit to the Prudential Committee monthly, at their stated meetings, a roll of all persons employed upon the premises, showing how they are employed and their rate of compensation. He shall permit no one, except those entitled thereto by virtue of these regulations, to eat or sleep in or occupy any part of the Hospital premises without express permission from the Prudential Committee.

(7.) He shall visit every ward at least once a day, to see that the rules are obeyed, and shall make weekly a general inspection of all parts of the Hospital, at which time he shall require all attendants to be at their several posts and remain there until the inspection is concluded. He shall be responsible for the general cleanliness and order of the entire establishment, including the theater, out-buildings and grounds. He shall have the clothing of patients entering, cleansed and disinfected if necessary. He shall be responsible for the safety of the Hospital property, furniture, building, etc., keeping an inventory of the same, and semi-annually shall take an account of stock. He shall see that books given to the Hospital for the use of the patients are not lost or destroyed, and shall instruct the orderly to keep the names of patients borrowing books and see to their safe return. He shall see that the attendants are properly instructed in regard to their respective duties in case of an alarm of fire.

(8.) He shall see that the outer doors are locked at a reasonable hour, every evening, and all the buildings properly secured at night.

(9.) When a patient is dangerously ill, he shall notify (if possible) some relation or friend. If the patient desires to converse with a clergyman or religious person, he shall invite the person desired to attend, and while such person is present shall see that proper decorum is observed.

(10.) On the decease of a patient, the Superintendent shall cause the body to be removed, as soon as conveniently may be, to the dead-house, and there safely kept until delivered to the friends or those responsible for its interment.

(11.) When any articles of value or other effects are left by a deceased patient, the Superintendent shall cause them to be labelled with the patient's name and date of his decease, and hold them for the action of the Prudential Committee.

(12.) When a patient is discharged or dies, the Superintendent shall cause the fact to be recorded in the Register, mentioning the patient's condition (whether cured, relieved, etc.), if discharged, along with any circumstances attending his departure which might influence his future admission.

(13.) If any of the officers, nurses or attendants shall violate the regulations, or be guilty of any misconduct, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to report the facts in writing to the Prudential Committee.

The Superintendent is expected to co-operate with the Head Nurse in her efforts for the comfort of the patients and well being of the Hospital, and to give due weight to her suggestions concerning these matters.

XII.—Of the *Head Nurse*.

The Head Nurse shall receive the patients from the Superintendent, and arrange them in the places assigned by the House Physician. She shall be responsible to the Medical Staff for the care of the sick and wounded, shall direct in the housekeeping of the Hospital in all that pertains to the administration of the wards, to the preparation of the special diet, and to the work of the linen-closets.

She shall take charge of all private donations of clothing and delicacies, and distribute them to the patients, under the directions of the House Medical Officers: keeping a list of articles with names of donors.

She shall make requisitions upon the Superintendent and Housekeeper for such things as she may require in the discharge of her duties; such requisitions to be entered in a book, and in all cases to be laid before the members of the Prudential Committee weekly, to be examined and countersigned.

Beyond this, she shall be responsible to the Committee of the Training School for the instruction of the Pupil Nurses, and the carrying out of all orders received from this Committee concerning the proper object of the school.

XIII.—*Of the Housekeeper.*

1. The Housekeeper shall be appointed by the Superintendent subject to the approval of the Prudential Committee. She shall superintend the housekeeping of the Hospital; direct the servants in their work of keeping clean the wards and hall-floors, walls, paint, staircases, closets, sinks, bath-rooms, &c.; direct the work of the laundry and mending-room; oversee the cooking of food for the officers and pupil-nurses, and of the house diet for the patients; and shall be responsible for the faithful performance of these duties to the Superintendent and Head Nurse.

Note A.—Bath-rooms, water-closets and sinks to be cleaned, scoured and disinfected daily.

Note B.—Ward-floors and window-sills to be swept and dusted daily, and washed once a week; oftener when necessary.

Note C.—Staircases and halls to be swept daily, and washed once a week.

Note D.—Windows and piazza-floors to be washed at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Note E.—The Housekeeper will keep a daily record in the store-room of all articles received by her from the Superintendent, and issued by her to the kitchen.

Laundry.

2. All articles of bed or body clothing, bandages, &c., in use in the fever-wards in the nursery, and in surgical cases, shall

be sent to the laundry as soon as changed, and put immediately in soak; bandages and rags by themselves, with a disinfectant.

Bed-linen, towels and clothing in ordinary cases, shall be changed throughout once a week—oftener when necessary, and the soiled clothes sent to the laundry at once.

Washing for the officers, pupil nurses and family shall go to the laundry on Monday. Other washing reserved in the laundry closets for the rest of the week.

Duplicate lists of clothing for the wash shall be made out in each ward. In the Men's wards, the male nurse shall count over the clothing, and make it into bundles for the wash, in the presence of the Pupil Nurse, who shall take the lists of the same. In the Women's wards, this duty shall be performed by the female servant, superintended by the Pupil Nurse.

The Housekeeper is responsible for the clothing from the time it leaves the wards until it is returned to the ward-linen closets.

Note.—All the articles, when washed, ironed and aired, shall be sent to a room set apart for the purpose, and known as the Mending-room, where the Housekeeper, with proper assistants, shall look them over; have all needful mending done; substitute whole articles for those needing repairs, and return to the ward-linen closets clothing and bedding corresponding to the lists of those sent to the wash. Bandages will be rolled and sent to the Dispensary, as also clean rags.

The Housekeeper shall make a note of losses, wear, tear, etc., of bedding, towels, clothing, etc., keeping a book for this purpose in the Mending-room, and shall present the same quarterly to the Superintendent.

She shall see that all clothing of patients sent to the laundry is properly marked, so as to ensure its safe return.

XIV.—*Of Hospital Attendants.*

(1.) Hospital attendants shall be employed by the Superintendent, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, in such numbers as the services of the Hospital may require.

(2.) They shall be under the control of the Superintendent, and of the heads of the several departments in which they may be employed.

(3.) As far as practicable, they shall have assigned to them their regular duties, but will be expected to yield willing obedience to any reasonable requirement.

(4.) They shall give at least one week's notice to the Superintendent of their intention to leave the service of the Hospital, and may require the same notice when discharged, unless they may be dismissed for misconduct.

(5.) They shall not leave the Hospital without the permission of the Superintendent, who shall assign them their regular hours of duty and recreation. They shall respect all orders received from the Housekeeper and Head Nurse.

(6.) Those assigned to the wards as nurses shall attend to the general order of the ward, daily policing and weekly washing, and the care of the dining-room. In the women's wards the Housekeeper shall appoint a woman servant to do this work. It shall be the duty of all attendants to consider the comfort of the patients, and to behave themselves with proper respect and decorum at all times.

(7.) No officer, nurse, or other attendant, shall receive any compensation, gift, or bequest, from any patient, unless authorized to do so by the Prudential Committee, through the Superintendent. Any male nurse may be suspended for cause by the Attending Physician or Surgeon until his case can be acted upon by the Prudential Committee. Any complaint against the pupil nurses shall be addressed by the Attending Physician to the Head Nurse, and reported by her to the Committee of the Training School. Dissatisfaction with the Head Nurse shall be reported to this Committee by the Physician.

(8.) The names of convalescents fit for light duty, who do not pay full board, shall be reported to the Superintendent each day by the House Physician, or House Surgeon, and posted in the office for the information of the Head Nurse and Housekeeper, who shall have the right to call upon such persons for service in wards or mending-room.

(9.) There shall be an orderly appointed as doorkeeper, and to collect the prescriptions and diet lists for the Dispensary and office, and return them to the wards at the proper hours; also to give out books from the library and note to whom they are issued.

XV.—*Visitors.*

Visitors shall be admitted to the Hospital on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, between the hours of 1½ and 4½ p. m. They shall give no provision or stimulant to any patient without permission from the medical officer of the ward.

OF PATIENTS.

XVI.—*The Admission of Patients.*

(1.) Cases of great urgency shall be admitted to the Hospital at any hour of the day or night.

(2.) Other patients will be admitted between 9 o'clock a. m. and 3 o'clock p. m. They must apply in person at the office of the Hospital, when they will be examined and admitted by one of the Medical Staff, subject to approval by the Prudential Committee. If unable to apply in person, they shall be visited at their homes by one of the Medical Staff.

(3.) No patient suffering from any contagious or infectious disease shall be admitted, nor any lunatic.

(4.) There shall be posted in the office daily the number of vacant beds, both free and pay, for the information of the Examining Physician.

(5.) Application for the admission of patients living out of the city should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, which certificate, with the application, will be referred to the Prudential Committee.

XVII.—*Rules for Patients.*

(1.) All patients, on admission to the Hospital, shall, unless forbidden by the House Physician or House Surgeon, before being assigned a bed, be sent to the bath-room, washed from head to foot, and furnished with clean clothing from their own or from Hospital stores. If necessary, their hair shall be cut.

All patients able to leave their beds will wash themselves in the ward bath-rooms and comb their hair, immediately upon getting up in the morning.

Every patient is expected to bathe the whole person once a week, unless otherwise ordered by the Attending Physician or Surgeon. It will be the duty of the men and women nurses in their respective wards to enforce this rule.

(2.) Patients must take off their hats in the wards, and their boots and shoes before lying down, and will be responsible for the neat appearance of their beds when not occupied during the day, and of their tables and window-shelves.

(3.) Patients admitted to the Hospital are forbidden to use profane or indecent language; to express immoral or infidel sentiments; to play at any game for money; to smoke tobacco in the House, except in places provided for smoking, or to procure for themselves or others any intoxicating liquors.

(4.) No patient shall be allowed to have any books, pamphlets or newspapers of an immoral or indecent nature.

(5.) No male patient shall go into any of the women's wards, or any female patient into any of the men's wards.

(6.) No patient shall enter the dead-house, engine-room, kitchen, laundry, theatre, or any of the attendants' rooms, except by permission of the Superintendent or other officers of the House.

(7.) Every patient not forbidden by the Physician shall take the outside air either in the grounds or on the piazzas (weather permitting) each day. The nurses will enforce this rule in cold weather as near noon as possible. When desiring to go beyond the Hospital bounds, patients must obtain a card from the Attending Physician or Surgeon, at his morning round, stating that he has no objections, which card, when countersigned by the Superintendent, will serve them as a pass, and will be valid for the day it is given, but must be returned to the door-keeper when the patient returns.

(8.) In exercising out of doors, patients will confine themselves to the graded walks, and not intrude upon the grass or cultivated grounds.

No fruit or vegetables shall be taken from the trees, vines or grounds, without permission of the Superintendent.

XVIII.—*Wards.*

(1.) No bundles, carpet-bags, trunks or other baggage, will be allowed in the wards. All clothing, not in actual use, will be locked up in the ward closet.

(2.) No clothing of any kind will be allowed under the pillows, or tacked about the beds or window-sills. Towels must

be hung in their appointed places. No packages of provisions or fruit will be allowed anywhere in the wards. Supplies sent by friends for special patients will be taken care of by the nurse of the ward.

(3.) No newspapers will be allowed spread over the bed-tables, and no accumulation of old papers and magazines will be allowed on the window-sills and tables.

(4.) Great care must be taken that nothing shall be thrown into bath tubs, basins, sinks or closets which can clog the drains. Daily sweeping will be begun in the bathrooms, and the litter brushed through the ward into the entry, and immediately taken up.

(5.) Rags used for dressing wounds, and too much soiled to go to the laundry, will be immediately carried down stairs and buried, or burned in the open air. No articles of any kind, clothing, towels, bandages or rags will on any account be washed out of the laundry.

(6.) No ward shall be left unattended; when the nurse is necessarily absent, a substitute (convalescent or assistant) shall be on duty for the time and shall answer the call of the patients.

(7.) The watchman shall commence his duty at 9 P. M. and pass hourly through the men's wards until 6 A. M. Shall put out all unnecessary lights, preserve order in the convalescent ward, and give such assistance as he may be asked for by any nurse on duty.

XIX.—*Meals.*

(1.) The Medical officers, head nurse, pupil nurses, house-keeper and apothecary will form one mess, taking their meals by themselves.

(2.) The superintendent and family may form one mess, taking their meals by themselves. Both these tables will be served and provided in the same manner.

(3.) Employees and patients on house diet will be served alike, and all others according to the directions of the medical board.

(4.) All patients able to leave their beds will take their meals in the ward dining-rooms.

(5.) All orders for special diet will be promptly filled, and the articles sent up on the lifts neatly served.

REPORT.



To the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN—

The Forth-Seventh Annual Report is respectfully submitted.

General Statistics.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital Dec. 31, 1873,	61	15	76
Admitted during the year,	314	114	428
Total,	375	129	504
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured,	226	75	301
Improved,	10	8	27
Unimproved,	11	5	16
Died,	30	13	43
	286	101	387
Remaining Dec. 31, 1873,	89	28	117
	375	129	504

Monthly Admissions from January 1, 1873, to January 1, 1874.

	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
January,	26	5	31	August, ...	26	7	33
February,	16	8	24	September, ...	28	9	37
March,	20	5	25	October,	39	18	57
April,	20	6	26	November, ...	28	15	43
May,	27	16	43	December, ...	34	3	37
June,	23	13	36				
July,	25	9	34	Total, ...	314	114	428

Nativity of Patients.

United States,	196	Ireland,	210
Germany,	41	Wales,	1
England,	28	Scotland,	10
Canada,	4	Sweden,	3
West Indies,	1	Norway,	3
Denmark,	2	France,	2
Italy,	3		
		Total,	504

Age at Time of Admission.

	Male	Female	Total
Under 15 years,	5	3	8
From 15 to 20 years,	23	14	37
" 20 to 30 "	98	55	148
" 30 to 40 "	93	22	121
" 40 to 50 "	82	14	96
" 50 to 60 "	35	13	48
" 60 to 70 "	27	9	36
" 70 to 80 "	8	—	9
" 80 to 90 "	1	—	1
Total,	374	130	504

Occupation.

Ax-maker, 1	Domestics, 47	Nurses, 6
Brewers, 4	Engineer, 1	Physician, 1
Bunchers, 6	Editor, 1	Painters, 4
Blacksmiths, ... 13	Fanners, 21	Peddlers, 5
Beakmen, 7	Gardeners, 5	Platers, 6
Brick-makers, ... 9	Harness-makers, 3	Quarrymen, 9
Burnishers, 5	House-keepers, 3	Shoe-makers, ... 6
Boiler-makers, ... 2	Hostlers, 8	Seamstresses, ... 9
Bartenders, ... 7	Horse-car drivers, 3	Ship-carpenters, 2
Bakers, 2	" conductors, 2	Seamen, 47
Barbers, 5	Hack-drivers, ... 5	Servants, 24
Carpenters, 9	Iron-founders, ... 7	Stone-cutters, ... 9
Cooks, 11	Landresses, 4	Turners, 2
Coachmen, 3	Laborers, 57	Tailors, 8
Cigar-makers, ... 11	Machinists, 9	Waiters, 12
Cabinet-makers, 3	Marble-cutters, ... 5	No occupation, ... 27
Carpet-weaver, ... 1	Molders, 11	
Dress-makers, ... 4	Masons, 5	
		Total, ... 109

Towns in Connecticut represented in the Hospital for the year ending Dec. 31, 1873.

New Haven,	Hartford,	Norwich,
Waterbury,	Bridgeport,	New London,
Middletown,	Birmingham,	Southport,
Greenwich,	Colchester,	Meriden,
Fair Haven,	Derby,	Hamden,
Branford,	Thomaston,	Lyme,
Woodbridge,	North Branford,	Bristol,
Morris,	Prospect,	Stratford,
Wallingford,	Beacon Falls,	Brookfield,
North Haven,	Cheshire,	East Haven,
Guilford,	West Haven,	Woolbury,
Naugatuck,	Milford,	Redding,
Killingly,	Plymouth,	Westville,
Brookvale,	Tariffville,	Seybrook,
Waterford,	Southington,	West Cornwall,
Seymour,	Darien,	Berlin,
Orange,	Norwalk,	Southport,
Danbury,	Bethel,	New Milford,
Fairfield,	Naugatuck,	Watertown,
Amonia,	Kent,	

State patients,	226
Soldiers,	149
Sailors,	45
General patients,	84
Total,	504

Number of weeks State patients were supported,	1,645 2-7
" " soldiers " "	1,879 5-7
" " sailors " "	189 1-7
" " general patients " "	237 6-7
Total,	4,012

Number of Births—Males,	3
Females,	3
Total,	6

Hydrocele,	2	Retroversio of uterus,	1
Hernia,	2	Ruptured muscle,	1
Hæmorrhoids,	5	Railroad injury,	1
Insanity,	8	Sprain, ankle,	3
Incontinence of urine,	2	Stricture, urethra,	5
Injury to leg,	3	Syphilis, primary,	8
" spine,	1	" secondary,	11
" eye,	1	" tertiary,	2
" shoulder,	2	Synovitis,	2
" side,	2	Scrofala,	4
Insolation,	2	Tumor, uterus,	2
Locomotor ataxia,	1	" vagina,	1
Loss of scalp,	1	" cornea,	1
Miscarriage,	1	Tonsillitis,	3
Neuralgia,	13	Ulcers, indolent,	13
Necrosis, tibia,	3	" varicose,	8
" femur,	2	Ulceration, os uteri,	1
" maxilla,	3	" bladder,	1
Ophthalmia,	5	Varicela,	1
Old age,	3	Valvular disease of heart,	2
Orchitis,	2	Varicocele,	1
Opacity of cornea,	1	Wound, scalp,	1
Pleuritis,	4	" lacerated, os uteri,	1
Pneumonia,	8	" " hand,	1
Phthisis,	37	" contused, thigh,	1
Paralysis,	14	" " foot,	1
Pericarditis,	6	" " hand,	4
Pott's disease of spine,	1	" " arm,	1
Pregnancy,	18	" " finger,	1
Peritonitis,	2	" gun-shot,	4
Rheumatism,	55		

Cause of Death.

Abscess, brain,	1	Pneumonia,	2
Anasarca,	1	Paralysis,	2
Ascites,	1	Peritonitis,	1
Asthma,	1	Rheumatism of heart,	1
Cancer,	1	Railroad injury,	1
Endocarditis,	1	Scrofala,	1
Exhaustion,	4	Septicæmia,	1
Gastritis,	1	Valvular disease of heart,	2
Insolation,	1	Varicela,	1
Old age,	2	Wound, gun-shot,	1
Phthisis,	18		—
		Total,	41

Disbursements.

Labor,	\$4,058.21
Provisions,	10,809.84
Medicines,	941.79
Repairs and furniture,	3,249.74
Barn,	322.78
Improvement of grounds,	749.21
Printing and stationery,	140.82
Gas and water,	431.98
Fuel,	1,024.00
Funeral expenses,	68.00
Insurance,	67.80
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	\$22,706.47

Receipts.

Marine patients,	\$1,390.00
Town of New Haven,	1,670.55
State patients,	2,300.80
Soldiers,	11,278.28
General patients,	3,572.27
Funeral expenses,	65.00
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	\$20,284.90

The number of patients remaining in the Hospital Dec. 31, 1872, was seventy-six. During the past year four hundred and twenty-eight have been admitted, making an aggregate of five hundred and four patients under treatment; of these three hundred and seventy-five were males, and one hundred and twenty-nine were females. One hundred and ninety-six were natives and three hundred and eight were of foreign birth.

Of the whole number under treatment, three hundred and one have been discharged cured, twenty-seven have been improved, sixteen have been removed and forty-three have died. The ratio of deaths has been 8.5 per cent—a small death rate, when taken in connection with the fact, that many patients are brought to the Hospital in a condition which precludes all hope of recovery.

There have been six births, three male and three female.

Thirty-one surgical operations have been performed. Patients have been supported in the Hospital four thousand and twelve weeks; average continuance in the Hospital, eight weeks. The greatest number of patients on any day was one hundred and seventeen, the least number fifty-nine; the daily average has been seventy-seven.

Two hundred and twenty-six patients have been partially supported by the State appropriation, at a cost, to the State, of one dollar and thirty-eight cents per week, for each person.

One hundred and forty-nine soldiers have been received and have been supported eighteen hundred and seventy-nine five-sevenths weeks; ninety-four have been discharged cured or relieved; fifty-five remain under treatment. Many of those remaining are permanently disabled, and doubtless will continue to be dependent upon the bounty of the State.

Patients have been received from fifty-nine different towns in the State.

If this summary is compared with the report for 1868, it will be seen that the Hospital is now doing more than double the work it then accomplished.

The average cost of each patient has been five dollars and sixty-five cents per week, an amount somewhat larger than in any previous year.

Reference to the table of disbursements and receipts will show also that our expenses have exceeded our income by more than twenty-four hundred dollars.

The contract with the United States government, for the support and medical treatment of marine patients, has been renewed for one year, from the first day of July, 1873, on the basis of one dollar per day for each patient.

At the last annual meeting of the Society, the office of Head Nurse was created and the department of nursing transferred to the "Connecticut Training School for Nurses." The school entered on its duties early in October last, and since that time has had charge of this department.

The new Hospital building was completed and opened for patients about the middle of October, 1873. The structure is located on the south side of the grounds, and is connected with the old building by a corridor thirty feet in length. It consists of a center building and two wings, all three stories above the basement, and has a frontage on Congress avenue of two hundred and sixty-

three feet. The center building is 50 by 44 feet, and contains dining-rooms for patients, halls, main staircase, rooms for nurses, and ample linen closets and pantries. The wings are respectively 29 by 112 feet and 29 by 87 feet, with capacity for one hundred and fourteen beds. The ceilings are fourteen feet in height, giving to each patient more than twenty-two hundred cubic feet of air space.

Particular attention has been given to the ventilating and heating apparatus and to the water supply. The best materials have been used and the best mechanical skill employed, and all matters of detail have been carefully considered. It is believed that the whole structure and its appointments will compare favorably with any modern hospital.

The building committee, consisting of Drs. Daggett, Lindsay, and Jewett, and Messrs. Jas. E. English and H. M. Welch, have devoted much of their valuable time to their duties. They were, at the outset of the enterprise, able to secure the gratuitous services of Mr. Nelson Hotchkiss as superintendent of construction. From the commencement of the building, Mr. Hotchkiss has given to the work his time and attention, and it is to his care, judgment, and practical knowledge that the society is largely indebted for the successful completion of the work. The entire cost of the building and furniture has been \$192,233.99.

The contractors for mason work were Messrs. Perkins & Chatfield; wood work, A. N. Clark; heating apparatus, H. B. Smith & Co., Westfield, Mass.; plumbing, Arnold & Co. and Robert Morgan; gas fitting, Scott & Sanford; architects, F. C. Withers of New York and R. G. Russell of this city.

The great need of a laundry is fully realized by your committee. The structure now in use hardly deserves the name; it is small and its appliances are illy adapted to the work; consequently, the work is done under great disadvantages. A wise economy demands the immediate erection of a suitable building and the application of modern apparatus.

A detached pavilion, for that class of patients which, from the offensive nature of their diseases, ought not to be placed in the general wards, is also urgently demanded. An inexpensive building, similar to the pavilions formerly used by the military hospital, would answer the purpose.

The patients received into the Hospital consist of the following classes:

1. Sailors, whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund, who are admitted on the order of the Collector of the port of New Haven.

2. Persons who are able and willing to pay for their own support, who resort to the Hospital on account of the superior accommodations which they can obtain at a moderate rate, or those from a distance who visit it for the purpose of submitting to surgical operations and treatment. The amount charged to such patients is intended to be only sufficient to meet their necessary expenses.

The number of this class is yearly increasing.

3. Those persons who are destitute and are supported gratuitously. To provide for this large class, the annual appropriation of the State of two thousand dollars, a trifling allowance from towns for their poor, and the scanty income from the Society's permanent fund—which will soon be exhausted to complete the new building—are the only reliance.

The number of applicants of this class for hospital relief increases annually, as the city grows larger, beyond all proportion to the number of any other class.

4. Soldiers. Soon after the close of the late war, the State made an appropriation, which has been continued annually, for the maintenance of sick or wounded soldiers, who were honorably discharged from Connecticut regiments which had served in the war of the rebellion.

Besides the above named, there is a constantly increasing class, the victims of accident on the street, on the different railroads, or the various manufacturing establishments in the city and its vicinity. A large number of these are homeless men and women, poor in purse, who are frequently maintained during their stay in the Hospital without any compensation whatever to the Institution.

This class of patients are always admitted immediately on their application without the necessity of a permit, provided they are taken to the Hospital from the place where the accident occurred.

By the liberality of Mrs. James A. Hillhouse, the old sailor's ward has been entirely refitted, and transformed into a neat chapel, thus supplying a long felt want of a suitable place for religious services on Sunday and on funeral occasions. This has been done without cost to the society, the whole expense, amounting to about four hundred and twenty-five dollars, having been wholly defrayed by Mrs. Hillhouse.

Our thanks are due to the Rev. W. W. Andrews of the Church of the Ascension, Rev. Frederick Hyde of Trinity Home, and to the gentlemen of the Theological Seminary, who have conducted the Sabbath services throughout the year.

We also acknowledge the receipt of the following donations:

DONATIONS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR 1873.

Books and Magazines.

New Haven Club, 68 magazines; Mr. Henry Peck, pictorial papers; Mr. James G. Brown, books and papers; Rev. Mr. Heermance, file of newspapers; Mr. Olmstead, pictorial papers; Mr. A. L. Train, box of books and file of Harper's Weekly; Miss Collins, Galaxy for 1872; Mrs. C. T. Charles, illuminated motto, in a frame.

Provisioning.

Dr. L. I. Sanford, Mrs. William Fitch, Mrs. W. Armstrong, Mr. Bernard Reilly, Mrs. Gillette, Mrs. E. C. Scranton, Dr. W. L. Bradley and Dr. D. L. Daggett, one turkey each; Mrs. W. A. Larned, one chest of tea; Mrs. E. C. Scranton, one basket of sweet potatoes; Twichell & Thompson, a quantity of cake, and discount on bill \$21.15; Mr. Henry Farman, cash \$50; H. T. Blake, Esq., \$3.60.

Christmas.

Mrs. Daniel Trowbridge, two turkeys; Charles H. Oaks, one chicken; Mrs. W. A. Larned, one ham; Mr. Benjamin Douglass, oranges and peanuts.

Clothing and Linen.

Mrs. Robert McEwen and Mrs. I. C. Larned, New London, Conn., package of sheets, night-dresses, bed quilts, under clothing, infant's clothing and handkerchiefs; Mrs. Edward Shaw, Putnam, Conn., package of old linen for hat and bandages; Mrs. Pettit, package of infant's clothing; Mrs. G. W. Staples, ten sheets; Mrs. William Fitch, three pairs stockings; Miss Elizabeth Hotchkiss, 11 pairs overshoes; Mrs. W. W. Beaulman, package of linen for bandages; Dr. Bishop, overcoat, vests, shirts, etc.; "a friend," large package of clothing; Miss Collins, twenty-four pots of paint; Messrs. Jesse Undererth, Jr., & Co., bath tub; Messrs. Arnold & Co., soldering stove and tools.

Packages of linen, books and magazines have been received from unknown friends.

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REPORT.

To the Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN:—

The Forty-Eighth Annual Report, respectfully submitted, brings to your notice some changes in the administration of the Hospital.

In pursuance of the Regulations adopted by the Society at its last annual meeting, a Medical Board was organized, and the various departments under it were put in successful operation.

A Superintendent was also appointed, and the domestic economy brought as rapidly as possible into conformity with the Rules prepared for the household.

In accordance with a vote of the Directors passed in April last, a petition was presented to the General Assembly for pecuniary aid to the Hospital. It received a generous response by an appropriation of \$50,000, upon the condition that an additional \$15,000 should be otherwise secured. Friends of the institution liberally met this demand, and by the amount thus obtained from the State, the indebtedness of the Society was cancelled, and provision made for improvements greatly needed in the household departments.

By reference to the table of "disbursements," it will be seen that a considerable sum has been expended for improvements and repairs. This amount covers the expenditure for radiators and pipes requisite for heating by steam the entire third story of the new wing, the fitting up of a dispensary on the main floor of the north building, putting in comfortable condition apartments for the Superintendent's family, furnishing the morgue with necessary appliances, providing a temporary

laundry, and for sundry alterations that have proved of great convenience in the general administration of the Hospital.

It was expected that a new laundry would be erected during the year, but, owing to the lateness of the season when the State appropriation was received, it was deemed best to postpone building until the coming spring, and give full time to consider and prepare suitable plans.

The Medical Board are very desirous to have a one-story pavilion provided for severe surgical cases, in which the most complete ventilation may be secured: and it is hoped that the generous aid of friends of the institution will enable them to see their wish consummated.

In reviewing the labors of the year, your Committee are able to report that all the departments of the Hospital have worked together harmoniously.

Captain George M. White was appointed Superintendent in May last, and has filled the position creditably to himself and to the institution.

The Training School for nurses has now been in operation more than a year, and it is with great satisfaction that we bear testimony to the very efficient aid rendered by the nurses in the care of the sick. They have been faithful in the discharge of their duties; and the unremitting devotion of Miss Townsend, the head nurse, to the interests of all under her charge, has greatly lightened the care of the Superintendent and of the Committee. The only expense of the school to the Hospital is for the board of the nurses; and we know of no other source through which the sick could be as thoroughly and satisfactorily cared for without greatly increased cost to the institution.

Upon the completion of the Dispensary in October last, Miss Fannie Comstock was fortunately secured as apothecary—a lady who for several years filled a similar position in St. Luke's Hospital in New York City. She performs the duties gratuitously, and we desire to acknowledge her very generous and efficient service.

The entire premises of the Hospital have been inspected weekly, and frequent visits made at other times, by one or more of the Committee; and it has been our endeavor to urge

as strict economy in the management of the household affairs, as seemed consistent with the comfort of the patients.

It is a particular satisfaction to recognize the faithful and systematic visits of the Board of Visitors. Their 16-monthly reports have been made out in detail, and have afforded many timely suggestions for the general good.

The number of patients remaining in the Hospital Dec. 31, 1878, was 147. During the year 468 have been admitted, making an aggregate of 525 under treatment. Of these, 412 were males and 113 were females; 204 were natives and 321 were of foreign birth.

Of the whole number under treatment, 318 have been discharged cured, 36 have been improved, 12 not improved, and 47 have died.

The ratio of deaths has been nine per cent. There have been 12 births—9 males, 3 females. Fifty-one surgical operations have been performed.

The greatest number of patients in the Hospital on any day was 125, the least number, 83, and the daily average has been 98½, and for the collective time of 5,188½ weeks.

188 soldiers have been supported for an aggregate period of 2,401 weeks; 127 have been discharged cured, or relieved; 61 remain under treatment.

The contract with the U. S. Government for the support and medical treatment of marine patients was renewed for one year from the first day of July last, on the basis of 95 cents per day for each.

Patients have been received from 60 towns in the State, and the average cost of maintenance has been \$6.04 per week.

Frequent applications are made by persons who consider that they are entitled to free admission under the State appropriation of \$2,000 per year, but it is sufficient to meet only a small portion of the expense for the large number who draw upon it for aid. 152 patients, for an aggregate period of 1,602½ weeks, have been partially supported by this appropriation, and it has afforded but \$1.21 per week for each. As the average expense is \$6 per week, this supplement from the State to the \$4.00 per week paid for all sent by the towns, still leaves a balance to be provided by the Hospital treasury. A consid-

erable number of patients have been received for whom there was no other provision than this small amount afforded by the State fund.

Our own citizens not unfrequently express much surprise that applicants for admission cannot be received at the Hospital free of charge, because it is considered a "benevolent" institution—forgetting that it has no endowment or fund to provide for the expenses of support. It is earnestly hoped that the friends of the poor in various parts of the State will make provision for free beds. In other institutions they are endowed, perhaps by a church or by some other organization, and kept for specific cases, or as a memorial of a friend who has passed from earth, but whose tender ministrations to the helpless and suffering are thus continued.

It may be asked, why are not the donations made in years past applied in this way in our own Hospital? In its unendowed condition these contributions have been needed for its daily support, and the only interest that can accrue from the generous gifts of other days, is that which comes from good that has been done.

The great want of the Hospital is an income to meet the increasing and pressing demands upon its charity. Many a poor man comes to our door with exhausted strength and exhausted means, who has struggled against disease, and labored to maintain himself, until he could labor no longer. Can we say to him: "We have no provision here for you?" Perhaps a father, or a mother, the victim of accident, or of some fearful malady, seeks at our hands for surgical aid; shall we take from the pittance, perchance laid by, the pittance that is their all, or can we lighten the heavy burden, so heavy at the best, and say: "Come, without money and without price."

Three hundred dollars will provide a free bed for a year, and who will aid in thus securing to the friendless and the poor, shelter and tender care in the hour of distress—perhaps of death.

The interest manifested in the Hospital by those who bring to it kind words and deeds, is sincerely appreciated.

Special thanks are due to the young ladies by whose efforts the generous gift of \$478 was added to the treasury, and also

to all who aided in bringing a charitable undertaking to so successful an issue. The amount was appropriated to cover the cost of the beds, mattresses and spreads in the female ward.

On the festival days of the year our patients have not been forgotten. By the liberal donations of friends, a generous feast was provided on Thanksgiving Day, and again at Christmas they were remembered, and a company of young ladies brought sunshine into the wards, with their evergreens, and flowers, and generous supplies.

To the young ladies of the "Harkness," who have prepared many articles of clothing for the destitute in our wards, we desire to express our sincere appreciation of their auxiliary work. It supplies a need for which the Hospital funds can make no provision.

The thanks of the Society are due to the Rev. W. G. Andrews, Rev. Dr. Harwood, and the young men of the Theological Seminary, and of the Christian Association, for their interest in conducting the Sunday afternoon services in the Chapel of the Hospital.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital Dec. 31, 1873,	89	28	117
Admitted during the year 1874,	323	88	408
Total,	412	115	525
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured,	249	73	313
Improved,	24	12	36
Unimproved,	10	2	12
Died,	39	8	47
	313	95	408
Remaining Dec. 31, 1874,	99	18	117
	412	115	525

Monthly Admissions from January 1, 1874, to January 1, 1875.

	Males	Females	Total		Males	Females	Total
January,	24	9	33	August,	20	7	27
February,	28	5	33	September, ...	22	6	28
March,	29	13	42	October,	24	7	31
April,	26	7	33	November, ...	27	5	32
May,	30	8	42	December, ...	32	9	40
June,	30	8	38		—	—	—
July,	18	3	21	Total,	323	83	406

Nativity of Patients.

United States,	204	Ireland,	219
Germany,	44	Wales,	1
England,	29	Scotland,	12
Canada,	5	Sweden,	2
West Indies,	1	Norway,	2
Denmark,	2	France,	3
Italy,	4		—
		Total,	525

Age at Time of Admission.

	Males	Females	Total
Under 15 years,	6	2	8
From 15 to 20 years,	27	12	39
" 20 " 30 "	101	81	182
" 30 " 40 "	111	18	129
" 40 " 50 "	85	9	94
" 50 " 60 "	40	10	50
" 60 " 70 "	30	8	38
" 70 " 80 "	11	2	13
" 80 " 90 "	1	1	2
Total,	412	113	525

Occupation.

Ax-maker,	1	Barnishers, ...	7	Cooks,	11
Brewers,	4	Boiler-makers, .	4	Coachmen, ...	3
Butchers,	8	Bar-tenders, ...	7	Cigar-makers,...	6
Blacksmiths, ...	12	Bakers,	6	Cabinet-makers, .	4
Brickmen,	7	Barbers,	5	Carpet-weaver, ..	1
Brick-makers, ...	9	Carpenters, ...	9	Compositors, ...	2

Dress makers,	9	Iron Founders,	6	Shoe-makers,	8
Domestics,	48	Laundresses,	4	Seamstresses,	11
Engineer,	1	Laborers,	65	Ship-carpenters,	2
Editor,	1	Machinists,	7	Seamen,	39
Farmers,	34	Marble-cutters,	5	Servants,	35
Gardeners,	6	Molders,	13	Stone-cutters,	6
Harness-makers,	3	Masons,	6	Turner,	1
House-keepers,	3	Nurses,	6	Tailors,	5
Hostlers,	6	Painters,	8	Waiters,	13
Horse-car drivers,	3	Peckers,	2	No occupation,	21
" conductors,	2	Platers,	7		
Hack-drivers,	5	Quarrymen,	6	Total,	424

Patients in Connecticut represented in the Hospital for the year ending Dec. 31, 1874.

New Haven,	North Branford,	Berlin,
Waterbury,	Prospect,	New Milford,
Middletown,	Cheshire,	Watertown,
Greenwich,	West Haven,	Stamford,
Fair Haven,	Milford,	Middlebury,
Branford,	Plymouth,	Myrtle,
Woodbridge,	Tariffville,	Wolcottville,
Wallingford,	Southington,	Litchfield,
North Haven,	Norwalk,	New Britain,
Guilford,	Norwich,	Stony Creek,
Seymour,	New London,	Weston,
Orange,	Southport,	Waterville,
Danbury,	Meriden,	Brookfield,
Fairfield,	Hamden,	Madison,
Ansonia,	Lyme,	Suffield,
Hartford,	Bristol,	Farmington,
Bridgeport,	East Haven,	Portland,
Birmingham,	Woodbury,	Mt. Carmel,
Colchester,	Reidling,	Hillsdale,
Derby,	Westville,	Jewett City,

State patients,	152
General "	124
Soldier "	188
Sailor "	50
Total,	525

Number of weeks State patients were supported,	1,652½
" " General " " "	829½
" " Soldier " " "	2,402½
" " Sailor " " "	274
Total,	5,188½

Number of Births—Males,	9
Females,	3
Total,	12

Diseases.

Abscess, back,	1	Diarrhoea, chronic,	5
" gluteal,	1	Diphtheria,	1
" groin,	1	Dilatation, heart,	1
" mammary,	1	Discoloration, conjunctiva,	2
" retroperitoneal,	1	Dislocation, clavicle,	1
Albuminuria,	1	" humerus,	2
Alcoholism,	10	Dropsey,	2
Anaurosis,	1	Dysmenorrhoea,	1
Amenorrhoea,	2	Dyspepsia,	5
Anchylous,	2	Eczema,	2
Aneurism,	1	Epilepsy,	3
Apoplexy,	1	Epithelioma,	2
Asthma,	2	Erysipelas,	2
Bronchitis,	5	Fatty degeneration, heart,	1
Bubo,	2	Felon,	2
Burns,	3	Fever, continual,	4
Calculus, vesical,	3	" intermittent,	19
Cancer, breast,	2	" remittent,	1
" testicle,	1	" typhoid,	11
" uterus,	1	" typho-malarial,	1
Cardialgia,	1	Fistula, anal,	2
Caries, humerus,	1	" perineal,	1
Cataract,	1	" vesico-vaginal,	5
Cholera morbus,	1	Fracture, acetabulum,	1
Cirrhosis, liver,	2	" coccyx,	1
Constipation,	3	" femur,	3
Conjunctivitis,	3	" humerus,	1
Cyanoderma,	1	" patella,	1
Debility,	17	" radius,	1
Dementia,	5	" rib,	1
Diabetes,	2	" skull,	3

Fracture, tibia,	4	Necrosis, maxilla,	1
Frozen toes,	1	" tibia,	2
Gangrene, arm,	1	Neuralgia,	4
Gastralgia,	1	Old age,	1
Gastritis,	1	Opacity, cornea,	2
Glaucoma,	1	Opium eating,	1
Gonorrhea, acute,	4	Orchitis,	3
" chronic,	2	Osteomyelitis,	2
Granular eyelids,	1	Osteosarcoma, lower jaw,	2
Hepatitis,	2	Otitis, external,	1
Hemiplegia,	3	Ovaritis,	1
Hemorrhage, posterior nares,	1	Palpitation, heart,	1
Hemorrhoids,	2	Paralysis,	3
Hernia,	7	Paraplegia,	2
Hip joint disease,	3	Peritonitis,	1
Hydrocele,	5	Pilgrimage dolens,	1
Hysteria,	1	Pituitary,	46
Injury, arm,	2	Pleuritis,	5
" back,	1	Pneumonia,	5
" eye,	1	Pregnancy,	14
" foot,	2	Prolapse, uterus,	3
" hand,	4	Psoriasis,	1
" hip,	2	Railroad injury,	2
" knee,	1	Rheumatism,	53
" shoulder,	2	Rapture, muscle,	1
" side,	2	" perineum,	1
" spine,	1	Scalds,	1
Insolation,	2	Scleritis,	5
Intestinal obstruction,	1	Sclerostitis,	1
Inversion, uterus,	1	Scrofula,	2
Iritis,	1	Scurvy,	1
Lead colic,	1	Softening of brain,	1
" palsy,	3	Spinal congestion,	1
Leucorrhoea,	2	" irritation,	1
Locomotor ataxia,	2	Sprain, ankle,	5
Loss of scalp,	1	Stomatitis,	2
Lupus exedens,	1	Stricture, urethra,	3
Mania,	4	Syphilis, primary,	2
Metritis,	2	" secondary,	10
Moromania,	1	" tertiary,	8
Necrosis, femur,	2	Tumor, cornea,	1

Tumor, fibrocystic,	1	Valvular disease, heart,	6
" vagina,	1	Varicocels,	1
Typiditis,	1	Venereal warts,	1
Ulcer, erysipelatos,	1	Valvitis,	1
" gastric,	1	Wound, fore-arm,	1
" indolent,	1	" scalp,	1
" varicose,	6	" throat,	1
Ulceration, cervix uteri,	2	" gun-shot,	1

Operations.

Amputation, arm,	2	Removal of eye,	1	
" leg,	1	" hemorrhoids,	1	
" toe,	1	" toe-nail,	1	
Circumcision,	1	" lupus exedens,	1	
Colotomy,	1	" necrosed maxilla,	2	
Excision, elbow joint,	1	" " tibia,	2	
" hip joint,	1	Removal of tumors, {	encephaloid,	1
Iridectomy,	5		epithelioma,	1
Ligation, brachial artery,	1		fibrocystic,	1
Operation for cataract,	1		osteosarcoma,	2
" petropion,	1		papillary,	1
" fistula, anal,	1		scirrhous,	1
" " vesico-vaginal,	5	Paracentesis abdominis,	2	
" hydrocele,	1	" cornue,	1	
" rupture, perineum,	1	Reduction, dislocation,	2	
" stricture, urethra,	3	Reposition, inverted uterus,	1	
" trichiasis,	2	Trephining, tibia,	1	
Removal of calculus, vesical,	2			
Total,	51			

Causes of Death.

Alcoholism,	1	Old age,	1
Burns,	2	Paralysis,	2
Cancer, uterus,	1	Phthisis,	15
Dementia,	1	Pneumonitis,	2
Diarrhea,	2	Puerperal fever,	1
Dropsy,	1	Pyæmia,	1
Epithelioma,	1	Railroad injury,	1
Fatty degeneration, heart,	1	Scurvy,	1
Fracture, skull,	2	Typhoid fever,	1
Gastritis,	1	Valvular disease, heart,	5
General atheroma,	1		
Intestinal obstruction,	1	Total,	47

Receipts.

From State of Connecticut, annual,	\$ 2,000.00
" soldier patients,	14,575.16
" general "	10,614.59
" marine "	1,839.85
" Miss Justine Ingersoll, avails of assistant theatrials,	475.00
Interest on loan,	710.17
Funeral expenses,	70.90
From Joshua Coit, donation,	100.00
" Mrs. Maria Peritt, donation,	50.00
" Mrs. John S. Beach, "	25.00
" Frederick Ives, "	100.00
" H. R. Bigelow, "	100.00
" S. R. Merwin, Jr., "	100.00
" John E. Bassett, "	25.00
" L. W. Sperry, "	25.00
" A. Foote & Co., "	25.00
" Wm. Franklin, "	25.00
" Congregational Church, North Branford,	5.00
" State of Connecticut,	50,000.00
	\$20,810.77

Disbursements.

Salaries and wages,	\$ 8,410.22
Flour, bread, butter and cheese,	8,460.89
Meat, fowls and fish,	6,215.73
Vegetables, fruits, &c.,	1,798.56
Groceries, eggs, &c.,	8,456.95
Milk,	709.32
Ice,	93.40
Medicine and instruments,	1,341.86
Fuel, Gas and Water,	3,100.98
Furniture, crockery, &c.,	1,238.48
Printing, stationery, postage,	621.71
Barn expenses and live stock,	569.50
Toils and miscellaneous,	98.81
Insurance,	293.50
Interest on mortgage note,	873.00
Funeral expenses,	70.00
Heating apparatus, improvements and repairs,	6,946.66
Paid mortgage note,	25,000.00
	\$62,710.87

DONATIONS RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL FROM MAY 1, 1874, TO
JAN. 1, 1875.*

Books and Magazines.

New Haven Club, large package of London Illustrated News, and magazines; Mrs. Beecher, magazines and papers; Miss Edwards, magazines; H. W. Mansfield, pictorial papers; Miss Margaret H. Townsend, package of books; Mr. L. Brewster, Life of Charles Sumner, two vols. German magazines, bound, two vols. do., unbound, and one year's subscription for "American Homes;" Prof. E. E. Salisbury, fourteen vols. for library; Miss C. Collins, books and magazines; Mrs. W. A. Larned, twelve vols. bound tracts; Mrs. Davidson, twelve vols. of Appleton's Journal and illustrated papers; Mr. O. A. Doremus, binding twelve vols. of Appleton's Journal; Mrs. F. T. Jarmar, five bound vols. Harper's Magazine, packages of Christian Weekly, and illustrated papers, one framed picture.

Clothing and Linen.

A friend, one doz. men's slippers; Rev. Mr. Andrews, two pairs pants, two coats, one linen coat; Mrs. A. Osborn, suit of boy's clothes and two shirts; Mrs. H. Allen, four boy's shirts; Mrs. W. A. Larned, package of men's underclothing; a friend, woolen wrappers and clothing; Miss Caroline Tyler, one doz. shirts and other clothing; Mrs. Scranton, underclothing; Mrs. George Martin, new flannels and valuable clothing; Mrs. A. H. Morse, package of coats, pants, and other clothing; Mrs. Robinson, one silk wrapper and two pairs pants; Mrs. Joseph Parker, shirts, flannels and men's clothing; Mrs. J. A. Bishop, shirts and flannels; Mrs. Thomas Thatcher, underclothing, &c. Infant's clothing from Mrs. Dr. Chapman, Mrs. Dr. Bishop, Mrs. Prof. Whitney, Mrs. Prof. Packard, and Mrs. T. R. Treebridge, Jr.; Mrs. A. R. Street, clothing, cotton and linen; Mrs. J. W. Lane, clothing, cotton and linen; Mrs. Hannah Barnes, clothing, cotton and linen. Packages of linen and cotton from Mrs. A. N. Skinner, Mrs. L. Carmin, Mrs. Beecher, Miss Margaret H. Townsend, Miss S. J. Thompson, Miss Mary L. Morgan, Miss Mary Stockbridge, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Mary Hopkin, Mrs. John M. Balcock, Mrs. Rev. C. L. Thompson, Mrs. Wm. Ellis, Miss Betts, Mrs. George L.

* The record of donations received from Jan. 1, 1874, to May 1, 1874, has been omitted.

Thompson, Mrs. P. Clatfield, Mrs. M. A. Osborn, Mrs. Lewis D. Brown, Mrs. E. C. Scranton, and many packages of linen and cotton from unknown donors.

Ladies of Putnam and Thompson, by Mrs. Shaw, a box of shirts and clothing. From Norfolk, Ct., linen and cotton.

Miscellaneous.

Mallory, Wheeler & Co., one doz. locks, with master keys; Messrs. Lewis & Beecher, framing and glazing thirty-six copies of "Hospital Regulations;" A. W. DeForest, invoice of empty bottles; a friend, one rocking chair; Mrs. Frederic Free, two second-hand carpets; Mrs. M. B. Maret, three second-hand velvet carpets; Mrs. G. Staples, pieces of carpet, comfortable and clothing; Mrs. Dr. Bishop, pieces of carpet and comfortable; a friend, two dozen oranges, two doz. lemons, box of figs; Miss C. Collins, bananas, jelly and flowers; Mrs. Sumner Smith, large basket of grapes; Gen. S. E. Merwin, large quantity of grapes, one crate and two baskets of peaches, oranges, &c.; a friend, oranges and figs; Mrs. E. C. Row, basket of hot house grapes; a friend, twenty-five quarts strawberries; fruit and flowers from many donors; a friend, one lawn mower; Mrs. T. D. Woolsey, package of linen and \$1.09; Miss Edgart, \$1.70; W. A. Lincoln, discount on bill, \$5.00; from the "Hatchinson," two sea claims and a large number of newly-made garments.

Thanksgiving.

Prof. E. E. Salisbury, one turkey, four chickens, one barrel sweet potatoes; Mrs. W. A. Larned, two chickens and cranberries; Miss Lillie T. Parker, one turkey and apples; Mrs. F. P. Gilbert, two chickens; J. H. Bax, three turkeys; Dr. T. H. Bishop, Dr. Wm. L. Bradley, Mrs. E. C. Scranton, Robert Morgan, a friend, one turkey each; Gen. S. E. Merwin, one barrel oranges, fifty lbs. grapes and nuts; a friend, large box of grapes; Mrs. McCarthy, four boxes jelly; Morris Isbell, one barrel of cider; a friend, \$50.00; Mr. H. T. Blake, 5.00.

Christmas.

Mrs. J. A. Bishop, one turkey; Mr. B. Reilly, one turkey; Mr. F. Trowbridge, one evergreen tree; Miss Ingersoll, Miss Trowbridge and other young ladies, thirty quarts ice cream, a large quantity of fruit, cake and flowers.

WM. FITCH,	} <i>Prudential</i> <i>Committee.</i>
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REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS.

GENTLEMEN—The Board of Visitors have the honor of presenting their fourth, and last, Report.

During the past two months the regular weekly inspection has been carried on, but nothing has been observed which calls for suggestions or criticisms. In presenting their final Report, however, the Board think that it is proper for them to give the general result of their observations during their term of office. And while they address themselves formally to your Committee, they are glad of the opportunity, now afforded them, of addressing themselves in reality to the public, in whose interests they have from the outset regarded themselves as acting.

Arrangements were made by the Board, immediately after their appointment, for weekly visits at the Hospital by committees of two. In accordance with this plan, and in pursuance of the instructions given by the Hospital Society, at least one visit has been made, as it is believed, every week. These visits have been unannounced, and have been made at irregular intervals. In one case a part of the night was spent in the Hospital by both members of the Committee then on duty. The inspection has extended to all parts of the buildings and grounds, and every facility has been afforded for making it complete and thorough. There has been abundant opportunity for conversation with the patients, and for the statement of grievances by them. The Board have desired to consider nothing which could relate to the welfare of the inmates beneath their notice or above their criticism. And as their earlier Reports show, they have not hesitated to speak frankly of whatever seemed to them to need correction. They can become aware, however, that the Hospital was subject to a constant inspection far more careful and minute than theirs could possibly be, and conducted under a far graver sense of responsibility than theirs. And they have found the slight defects

which at first attracted their attention steadily disappearing. They have also noticed with particular pleasure that the Hospital and the Training School have been so administered by those immediately in charge of each, as to secure a very high degree of mutual advantage, while through the wise and watchful oversight to which reference has just been made, they have been practically under a single head. The Board are convinced that the institution as a whole is admirably managed, and that those who are permanently employed in it and for it are trying to do their duty. And they are entirely certain that no defects, whether in the arrangement or in the management of the Hospital, are allowed to go unremoved a moment longer than is inevitable.

But there are defects which neither the Prudential Committee nor the Hospital Society can remedy, and which call for further action on the part of all who are interested in the success of the institution. In one very important respect the Hospital is seriously deficient. An institution of this sort, whether large or small, is manifestly incomplete, it is in an entirely just sense unfinished, so long as its resources do not equal its capacity. Until provision is made in some form for the support of all whom the buildings will accommodate, the work undertaken in its establishment is but partially done. It is, of course, conceivable that the accommodations provided might be in excess of the demand, but the experience of the past year proves that the case is otherwise here. The Hospital building is not too large, while in order to make it large enough the income of the Society has been reduced. And the Board learn that certain patients, whom common humanity requires the authorities to receive, must be received, if at all, at a price which covers but two-thirds of the actual cost of their support. The remaining third ought not to be levied as a tax upon those who are already spending time and strength, and thought, in the service of the institution. It belongs to the whole of the wide-spread community, for the benefit of which they are working, to make their task easier by restoring the balance between the capacity of the Hospital and its pecuniary resources.

The Board of Visitors, therefore, earnestly second such appeals as may be made by your Committee, or by the Board of Directors, for an increase in the permanent fund of the Society. They can testify that the enlargement of the Hospital was necessary; reason itself indicates that the enlargement ought thus to be made complete.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD E. SALISBURY,

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FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

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REPORT.

To the Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :

GENTLEMEN :—

In presenting the Forty-Ninth Annual Report, we are reminded that it will be fifty years, on the twenty-sixth of May next, since the charter of the Hospital Society was granted.

It seems fitting that a review of the half-century work of this institution should be given to its many friends, and to the public. Of the original corporators, not one remains to tell us of its early hopes and labors; but we trust that by some one familiar with the details of these later years, its history may yet be written.

The number of patients remaining in the Hospital December 31, 1874, was 117. During the year 426 have been admitted, making an aggregate of 543 under treatment.

Patients have been received from 50 towns in the State, and 174 of those admitted, for an aggregate period of 1903 weeks, have relied in part for their support upon the State appropriation of \$2,000 per year. But this amount is inadequate to meet the pressing demands of the many who are dependent upon its aid.

The cost for each patient is more than \$6.00 per week, but we receive only \$4.00 per week for the support of those sent by the towns, and are expected to look to this appropriation to cover the balance. When the grant was first made, the number of those who drew upon the bounty was so limited that it covered the greater portion of the expense of support. But during the year past it has averaged only \$1.00 per week to the large number who have claimed a share of its benefits,—and may we not with confidence ask from the State that the amount of the appropriation be increased?

We are continually reminded that the poor are *have always with us*, and we hear the injunction, "*bear ye one another's burdens.*"

It is made a duty, and a privilege, to give what relief we can to the afflicted and suffering in our midst, who have no helper,—and in what way can as large a number be comfortably provided for, at so small a cost, as in our Hospitals?

By reference to the Table of Receipts, it will be seen that we have received \$17,900 in donations. Most of this amount was subscribed in response to the condition that \$15,000 should be secured from private sources in order to receive the State appropriation of 1874.

We have now \$26,400 invested, fifteen thousand dollars of which were given as a permanent fund for the support of free beds. A portion of the remaining \$5,000 will be expended for the erection of small pavilions, to be used for cases requiring isolation,—an accommodation for which there is immediate need.

Our expenses have been heavy for improvements and repairs, but the buildings and grounds are now in such condition that we trust a much less yearly outlay will be required to keep them in good order. The North Wing has been renovated and painted, the stable and out-buildings have been removed farther from the house, and a new fence erected on two sides of the square, and the remainder put in good condition and thoroughly painted. The grounds on Congress Avenue have been graded, and a concrete walk, eight feet in width, laid from the entrance on Cedar Street to the main door of the north building.

Early in the year, the erection of the Laundry was commenced. It was built of brick, 32 feet wide and 70 feet long, with a cellar under the entire building. The main floor is divided into a wash-room, drying-room, ironing-room, and two small rooms for heating sad-irons and for airing ironed clothes. The building is heated by steam, and a large boiler provides hot water, for washing purposes and for supplying the Hospital buildings. The appointments are complete, and enable the work to be accomplished at very reasonable cost.

When the Laundry was nearly finished and a portion of it occupied, the ironing-room was found at a late hour one night to be on fire. Fortunately, the flames did not communicate to any other building, and, though causing considerable damage and inconvenience, the institution suffered no pecuniary loss.

We desire to express our appreciation of the aid rendered by Nelson Hotchkiss, Esq., in superintending the erection of the Laundry, and other improvements about the premises.

The various departments of the Hospital have been cared for by those in charge, with a manifest desire and effort for its best good, and an endeavor to promote in every way the welfare of the patients.

The Training School for nurses seems now to be a part of our institution, and we take great pleasure in recognizing its efficient service in the care of the sick. The managers of the school are unrelenting in their watchfulness in every department under their charge, and their frequent presence in the wards and personal interest manifested, we are sure add much to the comfort of the patients.

We are glad to record the provision that has been made for three free beds, and we earnestly hope that the number will be increased during the coming year.

Our great want is still the means to relieve the many who come to us entirely dependent upon our charity. We do not turn any away who are in a condition needing immediate care, but only the most watchful economy can enable us to meet our current expenses.

During the year, the Hospital has been kindly remembered by many friends. Through the thoughtful liberality of Mrs. Henry Farnam, wire-gauze screens were provided for the windows in the several wards—a protection from flies and other insects, for which the sick are truly grateful.

The young ladies of the "Hachi-go-su" have continued their valuable aid and furnished many garments for special needs, and their interest in our institution is sincerely appreciated.

During the summer months, the wards were cheered by the weekly visits of the "Flower Mission," and a bright little bouquet was given to every patient, or left upon a table at the bedside.

With the aid of thoughtful donors, a generous dinner was provided on Thanksgiving day,—and in the holiday season we were not forgotten, but fruit and flowers, and many Christmas gifts, were distributed by the young friends who have so often kindly remembered the sick and weary ones in our Hospital.

The Board of Visitors, in their bi-monthly reports, have given us the benefit of their careful observations, and we are indebted to them for many valuable suggestions.

To the Rev. W. G. Andrews, Rev. Dr. Harwood, and gentlemen of the Theological Seminary, our thanks are due for the maintenance of Sunday afternoon services in the Chapel.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total
Remaining in Hospital Dec. 31, 1874,	99	18	117
Admitted during the year 1875,	352	84	436
Total,	451	102	553
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured,	187	47	234
Improved,	98	21	119
Unimproved,	7	5	12
Died,	40	10	50
	327	83	410
Remaining Dec. 31, 1875,	124	19	143
	451	102	553

Monthly Admissions from January 1, 1875, to January 1, 1876

	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
January,	24	5	29	July,	40	10	50
February,	19	5	24	August,	34	6	40
March,	26	5	31	September,	25	9	34
April,	24	6	30	October,	39	11	50
May,	28	8	36	November,	29	3	32
June,	32	9	41	December,	32	7	39
					352	84	436

Nativity of Patients.

United States,	240	Italy,	1
Ireland,	249	Spain,	1
Germany,	32	Sweden,	5
England,	13	Finland,	2
Scotland,	4	Norway,	1
France,	1	Africa,	4
			553

Age at Time of Admission.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 15 years,	6	6	12
From 15 to 20 years,	18	11	29
" 20 to 30 "	74	28	102
" 30 to 40 "	142	20	162

	Males	Females	Total
From 40 to 50 years,.....	117	17	134
" 50 to 60 ".....	56	9	65
" 60 to 70 ".....	28	5	33
" 70 to 80 ".....	5	1	6
" 80 to 90 ".....	5	2	7
	151	102	253

Occupation.

Architect,..... 1	Cigar-makers,..... 3	Masons,..... 5
Axe-makers,..... 2	Dress-makers,..... 2	Nurses,..... 4
Butchers,..... 3	Domestics,..... 20	Peddlers,..... 3
Blacksmiths,..... 7	Editors,..... 2	Physician,..... 1
Brakemen,..... 3	Engineers,..... 4	Painters,..... 13
Brick-makers,..... 4	Fisherman,..... 1	Platers,..... 5
Boiler-makers,..... 6	File-makers,..... 1	Quarrymen,..... 4
Bartenders,..... 3	Farmers,..... 35	Rubber-workers,..... 2
Barbers,..... 6	Gardeners,..... 5	Seamstresses,..... 12
Bakers,..... 3	Hack-drivers,..... 2	Stone-cutters,..... 4
Compositors,..... 5	Harness-makers,..... 4	Shoemakers,..... 9
Coachmen,..... 4	House-keepers,..... 5	Seamen,..... 63
Clocks,..... 5	Lawyer,..... 1	Servants,..... 44
Carriers,..... 2	Laundresses,..... 5	Tailors,..... 6
Confectioners,..... 2	Laborers,..... 112	Timers,..... 2
Carpenters,..... 5	Moblers,..... 14	Truckmen,..... 4
Chorgyman,..... 1	Marble-cutters,..... 4	Watchmen,..... 3
Cabinet-makers,..... 5	Merchants,..... 8	Waiters,..... 19
Cooks,..... 7	Machinists,..... 19	
	Total,.....	552

Town in Connecticut represented in the Hospital for the year ending Dec. 31, 1875.

Ansonia,	Danbury,	Meriden,
Branford,	East Haven,	Milford,
Bristol,	East Hartford,	Middletown,
Bridgeport,	Ellington,	Mystic River,
Broad-brook,	Fair Haven,	Middlebury,
Birmingham,	Guilford,	New Haven,
Berlin,	Greenfield Hill,	New London,
Centerville,	Hartford,	Norwalk,
Derby,	Hamden,	Naugatuck,
Deep River,	Huntington,	Norwich,
	Litchfield,	New Britain,

New Milford,	Ridgedfield,	Wallingford,
North Haven,	Stamford,	West Haven,
Orange,	Saybrook,	Westville,
Plainfield,	Southington,	West Hartford,
Portland,	Stratford,	Westport,
Plantville,	Thomaston,	Wethersfield,
Redding,	Waterbury,	Yalesville,
Riverside,	Woodbridge,	

State patients,	174
General " "	91
Soldier " "	218
Sailor " "	64

Total, 663

Number of weeks State patients were supported,	1,985
" " General " " "	5794
" " Soldier " " "	3,4294
" " Sailor " " "	3714

Total, 6,3544

Greatest number of patients on any day,	148
Least " " " "	132
The daily average has been	1244

Diseases treated from Dec. 31, 1874, to Jan. 1, 1876.

Abortion,	1	Anaurosis,	1
Abscess, axilla,	1	Anomorphia,	1
" back,	1	Anemia,	1
" eyelid,	1	Anchylous hip,	1
" glacial,	1	Anthrax,	1
" glandular,	1	Arthritis,	8
" groin,	1	Asthma,	2
" iliac,	1	Brain, compression of,	1
" ischio-rectal,	1	" softening of,	1
" palmar,	1	Bright's disease,	7
" pre-rectal,	1	Bruchitis,	24
" side,	1	Bubo,	3
Adenitis,	1	Burns,	2
Alcoholism,	28	Bursitis,	2

Calculus vesical,	2	Fracture, ulna,	1
Caries humerus,	2	Frost-bite toes,	1
" vertebrae,	1	Gall ducts, occlusion of, ..	1
Cataract,	8	Gastric ulcer,	1
Cerebritis,	1	Glaucoma,	1
Chancroids,	3	Glossitis,	1
Chemosis,	1	Gonorrhea,	4
Cholera Morbus,	1	Granular eyelids,	3
Chorea,	1	Hemoptysis,	3
Constipation,	5	Heart-dilation,	2
Conjunctivitis,	2	" valvular disease, ..	10
Cystitis,	8	Hemiplegia,	12
Debility,	18	Hemorrhoids,	2
Dementia,	3	Hernia,	6
Diabetes Mellitus,	1	Hip joint disease,	6
Diarrhea,	4	Hydrocele,	3
Dislocation humerus,	1	Hypermetropia,	1
" hip,	2	Hysteria,	3
Dysentery,	2	Injury, abdomen,	1
Dysmenorrhea,	1	" back,	4
Dyspepsia,	4	" base of brain,	1
Eczema,	4	" finger,	1
Embolism,	1	" foot,	2
Emphysema,	1	" groin,	1
Epilepsy,	7	" hand,	1
Erysipelas,	7	" hip,	2
Eye, foreign body in,	1	" internal,	1
Fever, continued,	7	" leg,	1
" intermittent,	13	" railroad,	3
" remittent,	4	" side,	2
" typhoid,	5	" spine,	1
Fistula, anal,	2	Keloid,	1
" vesico-vaginal,	3	Keratitis,	1
Fracture, femur,	6	Lead colic,	2
" humerus,	3	" paralysis,	1
" leg,	6	" poisoning,	4
" metacarpus,	1	Leucorrhea,	1
" patella,	2	Liver, cirrhosis of,	4
" radius,	2	" congestion,	1
" rib,	2	" inflammation,	2
" skull,	9	Locomotor Ataxia,	1

Mania,	2	Spine, irritation of,	1
Metritis,	5	Sprin, ankle,	2
Melancholia,	1	" finger,	1
Necrosis clavicle,	1	Stomatitis,	2
" femur,	2	Stricture, urethral,	6
" humerus,	1	Synovitis,	1
" maxilla,	1	Syphilis, primary,	1
" tibia,	1	" secondary,	9
Neuralgia,	3	" tertiary,	13
Opacity cornea,	3	Tennis,	1
Opium eating,	1	Talipes,	1
Occlitis,	4	Temillitis,	3
Osteomyelitis,	2	Tumors, carcinoma of nose-	
Otitis, external,	2	tery,	1
Ovaritis,	2	Tumors, carcinoma of too-	
Paralysis,	5	tile,	1
Paraplegia,	1	Tumors, carcinoma of uterus,	2
Pericarditis,	2	" epitheliomatous,	3
Periostitis,	2	" fatty,	1
Peritonitis,	2	Ulcer, cervix uteri,	2
Pharyngitis,	8	" cornea,	2
Phthisis,	35	" foot,	1
Pleuritis,	1	" indolent,	11
Pneumonitis,	5	" varicose,	6
Pregnancy,	13	Varicocele,	1
Prolapsus uteri,	1	Varicose veins,	3
" rectum,	1	Vulvitis,	1
Promia,	1	Wounds, abdomen,	1
Rheumatism,	48	" eyelid,	1
Scalp, ulceration of,	1	" gunshot,	1
Scintia,	2	" hand,	2
Senility,	3	" neck,	2
Spine, congestion of,	2	" scalp,	2

Operations.

Amputation of fingers,	2	Excision of head of humerus,	1
" " foot,	1	" " " femur,	2
" " leg,	3	Irisectomy,	3
" " thigh,	1	Lithotomy,	5
Cathectomy,	1	Operation for cataract,	5
Excision of clavicle,	1	Operation in fistula in ano,	2

Operation for Pott's disease,	1	Perineal section,	1
Operation for hydrocele,	6	Reduction of dislocation-hip,	1
" " necrosis,	2	" " shoulder,	1
Operation in hemorrhoids,	1	Removal of <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle; font-size: 2em; line-height: 1;">{</div> <div style="display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"> tumor epithelioma, keloid, sebaceous, </div> </div>	1 1 0
Paracentesis abdominis,	1	Tenotomy,	3
" " Cornea,	1		

Number of Births.

Females,	3	Males,	8
			11

Causes of Death.

Brain, compression of,	3	Gall ducts, occlusion of,	1
Bright's disease,	1	Heart, valvular disease of,	5
Burns,	1	Hemiplegia,	2
Carcinoma uteri,	2	Insultion,	1
" mesentery,	1	Injury, internal,	1
Calculus, vesical,	1	" railroad,	2
Caries of vertebrae,	1	Mania, acute,	1
Cirrhosis of liver,	2	Paralysis,	2
Delirium tremens,	1	Phthisis,	11
Diabetes mellitus,	1	Pneumonia,	3
Embolism,	1	Pyæmia,	1
Epithelioma,	1	Syphilis, tertiary,	1
Fever, typhoid,	2		
Fracture of skull,	1	Total,	50

Receipts and Earnings.

Balance as per last year's Report,	\$18,184.90
From State of Connecticut, annual,	7,000.00
- soldier patients,	20,340.56
- marine "	2,455.75
- general "	9,275.86
- interest on loan to the city,	1,400.00
- funeral expenses,	62.80
- sale of live stock,	219.90
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	29,851.15
- Henry Farnam, donation,	5,000.00
- James E. English "	4,000.00
- William Fitch, "	6,000.00
- E. H. Bishop, "	500.00
- Morris Tyler, "	500.00
- Smith & Sperry, "	500.00
- E. B. Bowditch, "	100.00
- Joseph Parker, "	100.00
- Nathan Peck "	100.00
- Burton Mallory, "	100.00
- John W. Mansfield "	100.00
- H. M. Welch, "	100.00
- Rogers, Smith & Co., donation,	100.00
- Mrs. Martha B. Maret, "	100.00
- Daniel Trowbridge, "	100.00
- Henry Trowbridge, "	100.00
- Matthew G. Elliott, "	50.00
- P. B. Foster, "	50.00
- C. B. Whittlesey, "	50.00
- Gardiner Morse, "	50.00
- Simon E. Baldwin, "	50.00
- Johnson Brothers, "	25.00
- E. G. Stoddard, "	25.00
- R. & J. M. Blair, "	25.00
- E. E. Hall, "	25.00
- Andrew W. DeForest, "	25.00
- Willis Bristol, "	25.00

 \$72,766.65

Disbursements.

Salaries and wages,	\$7,798.45	
Flour, bread, butter, cheese, &c.,	4,941.15	
Meat, fowls and fish,	7,977.38	
Groceries, eggs, milk, &c.,	3,561.16	
Vegetables, fruit, liquors,	2,881.77	
Ice,	148.50	
Medicines and instruments,	1,576.76	
Fuel, gas and water,	5,258.24	
Furniture, bedding and crockery,	2,252.91	
Printing, stationery, postage,	256.39	
Barn expenses and live stock,	256.28	
Insurance,	214.00	
Tools and miscellanous,	169.10	
Funeral expenses,	69.00	
Refunded to patients,	98.12	
	<hr/>	\$46,998.29
Laundry, improvements and repairs,		15,694.24
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		\$62,692.57

Loan to the City of New Haven,	\$20,000.00	
Cash on hand,	163.53	29,163.57
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		\$72,766.65

Special Donations.

Mrs. Henri Farnam for window screens,	\$242.67
William Fitch, " surgical instruments,	390.00
Lewis & Beecher Co. for receipted bill,	130.00

DONATIONS RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL FROM JAN. 1ST, 1873,
TO JAN. 1ST, 1876.

Books and Magazines.

Mrs. Dr. Chapman, package of books; Mr. Chas. R. Coon, books and magazines; Dr. Geo. B. Farnam, books and magazines; Mrs. George N. Wyman, books and magazines; Societies and unknown donors, books and magazines.

Clothing and Linen.

From the "Hachi-no-su," six packages of new garments; Miss R. T. Bacon, thirty handkerchiefs; Mrs. F. Ives, package of shirts; a friend, wool wrappers and drawers; Mr. J. Milander, six pairs cotton socks; Mrs. Pres. Woolsey, one dressing gown; a friend, one pair wool drawers, three pairs wool socks; Mrs. M. Tyler, two coats, one pair pants, one vest, three shirts, one wrapper, two pairs socks, two neckties, one pair suspenders, bundle of cotton; a friend, six shirts, one chime wrapper; Miss Leffingwell, six shirts; a friend, six shirts, one pair drawers; unknown, package of shirts; Mrs. W. A. Larned, six night dresses; Mrs. Ten Eyck, one night dress, cotton and linen; Mrs. Eunice, bundle of cotton, and box of various useful articles; Mrs. J. Balcock, package of underclothing, and cotton; packages of linen and cotton from Miss Whitney, Mrs. C. Mix, Mrs. L. Carman, Miss Morton, Mrs. W. Pean, Mrs. J. A. Bishop, Mrs. W. Jarman, and other donors. Packages of linen, cotton, &c., through the kindness of Klock & Gessner, H. W. Mansfield, and other sources not known.

From Mrs. Larned and Mrs. McEwen, New London, Ct., one comfortable, two bedquilts, eight sheets, six pillow cases, one sacque, one chemise, two night dresses, and other useful articles.

Miscellaneous.

Mrs. W. A. Larned, Grocer and Baker sewing machine; a friend, one dozen oranges; Mrs. J. B. Carrington, two dozen oranges; Mrs. Arwater, "jellies for the sick;" Mrs. B. G. Northrop, cranberry jelly; Miss Elliott, six jars orange marmalade; a friend, bananas, and one-half dozen rapkins; Mrs. Nicholson, six bowls crab-apple jelly; Miss Booth, basket of apples; Gen. S. E. Merwin, large quantity of strawberries; a friend, one hundred

oranges; a friend, twenty-four mugs; a friend, five dozen fans. Dolls and toys for little girls, and fruit and flowers from many friends. From the "Flower Mission," one hundred bouquets each week in June, July and August, and one and one-half dozen oranges. Miss Woolsey, New York, one dozen pieces glass ware, of great service to the Hospital.

Thanksgiving.

A friend, \$25.00; Mr. H. T. Blake, \$5.00; Miss C. Collins, \$5.00 "for comforts for the sick;" Mrs. F. P. Gilbert, one turkey; Dr. T. H. Bishop, one turkey; J. H. Bax, three turkeys; Twitchell & Thompson, quantity of cake, &c.; a friend, two hundred oranges.

Christmas.

Mrs. H. L. Hotchkiss and Miss J. Ingersoll, one hundred oranges, grapes, confectionery, and Christmas gifts; a friend, one hundred oranges; Gen. S. E. Merwin, three dozen handkerchiefs.

WM. FITCH,	{	<i>Protestant</i> <i>Councillee.</i>
S. E. MERWIN, JR.,		
F. L. DIEBLE,		

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :

GENTLEMEN :—The Board of Visitors have the honor of presenting their sixth, and last regular report, for the current year.

Weekly visits have been made at the Hospital during the past two months, as well as throughout the year. The general result of the observations thus made has been the same as was indicated in the report presented to the Prudential Committee twelve months ago, namely, very honest admiration of the institution and its management. It has been particularly pleasant to the Board to perceive that the suggestions and criticisms which they have made with such freedom, though called forth by defects comparatively trifling, have always been seriously considered, and have so often been acted upon. There are, no doubt, matters with regard to which the working of the Hospital is still to be perfected, even without an enlargement of its resources, and the experience of the past convinces the Board that a nearer approach to perfection will be steadily made. No machinery into which the feelings, and convictions, and wills, of a large number of human beings enter as component parts can move without occasional jarring. And the stronger the motive power, the more intense the forces of zeal and courageous purpose which are applied, the greater the liability to dangerous friction. That constant visits at the institution during so many months have left the impression that everything works smoothly is no slight proof of good sense and good temper in those employed. It is especially noteworthy that the class most exposed to suffer from an abnormal condition of the Hospital are, as a rule, emphatic in their testimony to the excellence of its general management. Complaints on the part of patients are so rare that the exceptions must be regarded either as wholly unreasonable, or as due to those occasional errors on the part of subordinates which occur in every large establishment.

The Training School is, in theory, a distinct institution, and one with which, as respects the work done for the pupils, the Board of Visitors have no more to do, officially, than with the quality of the instruction given at the medical *cliniques*. As respects the work done by the pupils the case is very different, and it would be the

duty of the Visitors to call attention to injurious effects upon the Hospital, resulting from the combination of the two institutions, did such effects appear. Most of the members of the present Board have had the opportunity of watching the experiment during nearly the whole of its progress thus far, and they are not conscious of having been influenced by any prepossessions in favor of the particular plan which has been adopted. And they are fully convinced that whether or not any re-adjustment of the relation of the School to the Hospital is, in the abstract, desirable, it is by all means desirable that the relation should continue. The advantage to the patients of the amount and kind of care which they receive from the pupil-nurses is unmistakable, and should be gratefully acknowledged by all friends of the Hospital. And it seems proper to add, still speaking with reference to the latter institution, that its friends may well congratulate themselves on seeing efforts designed primarily to benefit the poor, the stranger, and the friendless, made to contribute so effectively to the relief of invalids elsewhere. By means of the Training School the Hospital is becoming a direct and positive blessing to the entire community.

Whatever suggestions are to be made in a report designed for publication should obviously be addressed to the public. The Board, therefore, desires to express their belief that the income of the Hospital Society should be increased, in order to make it possible to receive a larger number of poor patients; that there is need of more single rooms for special cases; that additional buildings are called for, both in order to give suitable accommodations to such persons as cannot be received into the main building, and to enable the Society to remove the kitchen, with its unavoidable odors, from the latter; and that some provision should be made for securing more regular attention to the religious wants of the inmates. Apart from all religious considerations, the simple philanthropic motives to which the Hospital owes its existence, require us to place within reach of the sick and dying such consolations as human nature commonly craves at the close of life.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD E. SALISBURY,
CHAS. ATWATER,
HORACE DAY,
CYRUS NORTHROP,
WILLIS M. ANTHONY,
WM. G. ANDREWS.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL HISTORY
OF THE
GEN'L HOSPITAL SOCIETY
OF CONNECTICUT,
WITH A
HISTORY OF THE HARTFORD HOSPITAL.

*Being the Annual Address read before the State Medical Society
at its session May, A. D. 1876.*

BY P. A. JEWETT, M.D.,

President State Medical Society.

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HISTORY

OF THE

General Hospital Society of Conn.



At the annual meeting of the Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, held April 21st, 1876, Dr. P. A. Jewett was appointed to prepare a history of the Hospital for the first half century of its existence, which terminates in May next.

Attest:

C. A. LINDSLEY, Secretary.

At the session of the General Assembly held in May, 1826, a petition was presented for a charter of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut. As there is no record with reference to this, the date cannot be given. The first recorded action found to exist is that of the Medical Association of this city; and is in the following words, in the handwriting of Dr. V. M. Dow,

At a meeting of the Medical Association of New Haven, 24th May, 1826, at the house of Dr. J. Skinner,

Resolved, That a committee of six be appointed to solicit subscriptions for the Hospital, and that said committee consist of Doctors J. Skinner, Eli Tice, S. Ponderman, T. P. Brews, J. Knight and V. M. Dow.

ART. 1. The Hospital shall be styled the General Hospital of Connecticut.

ART. 2. The Hospital shall be a charitable institution, and no physician or surgeon shall receive any compensation for his services.

ART. 3. Wealthy patients shall not be received to the exclusion of charity patients; and when received, shall pay to the Hospital funds as the board of managers shall direct.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the committee to ascertain the sum paid by owners of this port as hospital money, and to solicit the Government of the United States to establish a marine hospital, to be connected with the general State Hospital.

ART. 5. Every individual or corporation paying one hundred dollars, may at all times name one individual, who shall be received into the hospital and receive medical and surgical advice and attendance and operations, gratis, for three weeks annually, and in the same proportion for a larger sum.

ART. 6. A society or corporation shall be formed consisting of those subscribers whose donations shall amount to the following sums, viz: Those who pay \$20 shall be members for life, and those who pay \$12 shall be members for ten years; those who pay \$2 shall be members of the society so long as they continue to pay that sum annually.

ART. 7. Every person subscribing \$2 shall be entitled to one vote, and for a larger sum in proportion.

ART. 8. The President and Fellows of the Medical Society of Connecticut shall be *ex-officio* members of this society.

ART. 9. Any person subscribing \$100 shall be a Vice President for life; any person subscribing \$50 shall be a Director for life.

V. M. DOW, *Clerk*.

Fifty years ago, on the 26th day of May, the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut passed the following Act to establish a State Hospital:

CHARTER OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

At a General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven in said 1840, on the first Wednesday of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE HOSPITAL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly assembled: That Nathan Smith, Thomas Hubbard, Eli Todd, John S. Peters, Benjamin Silliman, Thomas Miles, William Leffingwell, John Skinner, Eli Ives, Jonathan Knight, and all such persons as are, or from time to time may be associated with them for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a General Hospital in the city of New Haven, and their successors be, and they hereby are, incorporated for said purpose, and made a body politic by the name of the "GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT," and by that name shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being pleaded, and may purchase, hold, sell and convey estate, real and personal, in an amount not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, to be holden by said society, at any time; may have a common seal, and the same may alter and change at pleasure; and may make and execute such by-laws and regulations, not contrary to the laws of this State, or of the United States, as shall be deemed necessary for well ordering and conducting the concerns of the Society.

SEC. 2. That said society shall be governed by the principles of the Constitution, comprised in the following articles:

CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

ART. I. The General Hospital Society of Connecticut shall be composed of those subscribers whose benefactions amount to either of the subsequent sums: Those who pay twenty dollars, shall be members for life; and those who pay twelve dollars, shall be members for ten years; those who pay ten dollars shall also be members, and shall be required to pay the same annually, until their names are withdrawn from the subscribers' list, on application to the Secretary. The President and Fellows of the Conventional Medical Society, shall be *ex-officio* members of the society.

II. The members of the society shall meet annually for the choice of Directors, and for the transaction of any other business not delegated to its officers.

III. There shall be two classes of Directors, one to hold their office for life, the other annually appointed. Those subscribers who pay one hundred dollars, or an equivalent annuity, or twenty-five dollars annually for five years, shall be Directors for life. At least ten Directors shall be annually chosen by the society by ballot and in all cases as many as shall equal the number by subscription.

IV. There shall be an annual meeting of the Directors, at which six shall constitute a quorum to choose a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Prudential Committee, Visitors, attending Physicians and Surgeons, and such other officers as may be necessary.

V. The elected Vice President shall have the privileges of a Director. Those persons who pay two hundred dollars, shall be Vice Presidents for life.

VI. The Treasurer having given adequate security for the faithful discharge of his duties, shall receive the funds of the society and pay the same to the order of the Prudential Committee. He shall present a copy of his accounts every quarter to the Prudential Committee, and every year present a financial report to the society.

VII. The Secretary shall keep an accurate register of the members of the society for each year, and record the transactions of both society and Directors; he shall also report at each meeting of the society the names of those who, during the preceding year have become members of the Society, and also of those who have withdrawn their patronage.

VIII. The Prudential Committee shall consist of three; they shall be subject to the regulations of the Directors; manage the economical and financial concerns of the hospital, and shall meet as often as there may be occasion, to regulate the admission and discharge of patients, and for the transaction of the ordinary business of the hospital. They shall audit the Treasurer's accounts, and report accordingly at the annual meeting of the Directors.

IX. The Visitors shall be six in number, of whom two at least shall visit the hospital every month, and as frequently as they may deem proper. They shall inquire into the economical and moral concerns of the hospital, suggest improvements, and designate abuses, in a report every two months, to the Prudential Committee.

X. A Board of Physicians and Surgeons, consisting of six in number, shall be elected by the Directors at their annual meeting. The attending physicians and surgeons shall receive no compensation for their services.

XI. *Admission of Patients.*—The hospital shall be a charitable institution, and patients belonging to this State shall in all cases be preferred.

XII. Any subscriber, town, corporate society, or association of individuals, paying one hundred dollars, may at any time name one indigent person who shall have the benefits of the hospital, free of expense, during six weeks each year.

XIII. The Directors shall, from time to time, make regulations for the admission of patients, and for the discharge of such as are deemed incurable, or such others as are not considered proper subjects for hospital privileges.

Sec. 3. That the first meeting of the society shall be held at the State House in New Haven, at such time as shall be appointed, by Nathan Smith, Thomas Blatford, Eli Todd, John S. Peters, Benjamin Sullivan, Thomas Miner, William Lefebvre, John Skinner, Eli Fenn and Jonathan Knight, or a majority of them, and be then notified by advertisement in a newspaper printed in each of the towns of Hamford, New Haven and Middletown, at least three weeks before the time fixed for such meeting; and the annual and other meetings of said society shall thereafter be holden at such time and place, and be marked in such manner as said society shall from time to time direct.

Sec. 4. That said society shall have power, with the assent of the Commissioners to be appointed under this act, by their vote in legal meeting, warranted with express notice of their object, to fix the location, and to approve or prescribe the style and extent of the buildings and other accommodations for the use of the hospital; and no expenditure of the funds of said society shall be made by the officers thereof, in the purchase of lands, or in the erection of buildings, but in pursuance of such vote or votes of said society.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the Governor for the time being, with two other Commissioners to be appointed by the General Assembly, shall superintend the general concerns of said hospital, make such occasional visits as they may deem expedient, and report to the Legislature from time to time concerning the affairs of the hospital. *Provided, nevertheless,* that this Act or any part thereof, may be altered or repealed by the General Assembly.

SAMUEL A. POOT, *Speaker of the House of Representatives*
DAVID PLATT, *President of the Senate*

May 21, 1826.

Approved. OLIVER WOLCOTT.

A true copy of record. Examined by THOMAS DAY, *Secretary*.

It will be seen from the above that the names of gentlemen prominent in the medical profession, were early enlisted in the enterprise; and that the hospital from the first beginning has been directly, until within a

short period of time, connected with the State Medical Society. Out of the ten names as incorporators, nine were members of the medical profession, and of the State Medical Society. Commencing as the hospital did, under the direct management of the physicians of the State, aided materially by gentlemen of other professions, it has continued to the present time under the same management. While those of other professions and callings have been ever ready to aid in the administration of its affairs, still the medical profession has always "borne the brunt of the battle," for obvious reasons, they being more directly interested in the management of the institution.

The act of incorporation was signed by Samuel A. Foot, Speaker of the House of Representatives; David Plant, President of the Senate, and approved by Oliver Wolcott, Governor of the State; examined and attested as a true copy by Thomas Day, Secretary of State. Of those above named and of the original incorporators, not one survives.

The first meeting of the General Hospital Society was held, April 30, 1827. John Skinner, Chairman, and A. S. Monson, Clerk. The meeting not being full was adjourned to meet May 1, at 2 o'clock, P.M., at the house of Dr. J. Knight.

The meeting was held as per adjournment, May 1, 1827, Dr. John Skinner, Chairman. The following gentlemen were elected Directors: Nathan Smith, M.D., Thomas Hubbard, M.D., Eli Todd, M.D., John S. Peters, M.D., Benjamin Silliman, M.D., Thomas Miner, M.D., William Leffingwell, Esq., Dr. John Skinner, Eli Ives, M.D., Jonathan Knight, M.D., Timothy P. Beers, M.D., and Alfred S. Monson, M.D. It will be seen from the above that but one gentleman outside of the medical profession was a member of the first board of Directors. It is also worthy of remark that the medical gentlemen on the board were almost to a man, eminent in their profession; in proof of this it is only necessary to repeat the names of Smith, Hubbard, Todd, Peters, Silliman, Miner, Ives, Knight, Beers and Monson.

At the above mentioned meeting, Drs. J. Knight and John Skinner were appointed a committee to frame a code of By-Laws, and report the same at the next meeting.

At a meeting held May 13th, 1827, the By-Laws were reported and adopted.

The first meeting of the Directors of the Society was held at the house of Dr. J. Knight, May 1, 1827. A. S. Monson was chosen Secretary *pro tem*, and the following officers were elected; William Leflingwell, Esq., President; John S. Peters, M.D., Vice President; Dr. John Skinner, Treasurer, and Charles Hooker, Secretary. Drs. Silliman and Knight were appointed a committee "to form a petition to be presented to the General Assembly" for aid in behalf of the hospital. "The Fellows of the Medical Society from New Haven Co. were appointed a committee to intercede in behalf of this object," and Dr. Thomas Hubbard was added to the committee, he being at that time a member of the General Assembly.

At a meeting held May 2, 1827, the petition prepared by Drs. Silliman and Knight was read, approved and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly. Prof. Silliman was requested to address a letter, accompanying this petition to Dr. Thomas Hubbard.

A special meeting of Directors was held Dec. 19, 1827. The long time intervening between the two last meetings, from May to December, was, as I have been informed, in consequence of the General Assembly having failed to make the appropriation called for in the petition of May 2, and from the consequent lack of the necessary pecuniary means to carry out the designs of the Directors. At this meeting a letter addressed to the Hon. R. L. Ingersoll was prepared by Prof. Silliman, relating to the money collected from seamen in this port, and to a direct appropriation from Congress, was read and approved. It was voted that the signatures of the officers of the society, and of the Professors of the Medical Institution of Yale College, and of the Medical Faculty of this City, be annexed to this letter. Drs. E. Ives and J. Knight were appointed a committee to correspond with our representatives in Congress.

The Directors having failed in their application to the General Assembly, did not hesitate to take broad ground in the matter and make their wants known to the Congress of the United States in asking for a direct appropriation. This action shows that they considered the hospital as a great charity, one for which they would leave no stone unturned to accomplish their object.

January 2, 1828, at a special meeting of the Directors, two letters from the Hon. R. I. Ingersoll, dated Washington City, Dec. 28, 1827, were read as follows:

WASHINGTON, 28 Dec., 1827.

My Dear Sir—Your letter reached me yesterday. I had previously received the communication from the officers of the Hospital, which, at their request, I handed over to our Senators for their perusal.

I have been this morning with Mr. Foot at the public office to ascertain, in the first place, the actual condition of the marine Hospital fund, or rather to look more particularly into the receipts and disbursements of hospital money at our port. For the last ten years the receipts have ranged from three to six hundred dollars per annum, and the expenditures during that period (the whole period) go a little over six hundred dollars. (I write from recollection, as I have not yet taken transcripts from the books.—The difference between the receipts and expenditures are paid by the collector into the Treasury; but our sailors of course are but remotely benefited by these payments. It appears so reasonable that the money collected at our port from sailors should be *all* expended there, and not the greater part of it, as heretofore, paid into the Treasury,—that I cannot but believe that we can bring about some arrangement which will accomplish so desirable an object, through the agency of the State Hospital, as proposed by you. It may be more difficult to get a direct grant of money to aid in building a hospital—though it would seem reasonable that what the sailors have already paid into the Treasury should at least be given by the United States toward the building proposed. The principal object of my now writing is, to ask whether the State Hospital would be willing to engage to take care of all the sick seamen of the port, on receiving annually the amount of hospital money that may be collected at the port? I should think that you might with safety make such an engagement, though as to that you are the best judge. At any rate, I should be pleased to know as nearly as convenient whether this proposal could meet with your views, if nothing better can be done. I will only at present add that you may rely upon my best exertions to aid you and the other gentlemen in the laudable object you have in view—and I believe I may say the same for every member of our delegation in both houses.

In great haste I remain, very faithfully yours,

R. I. INGERSOLL.

Dr. KNOX,

WASHINGTON, 23 JAN., 1828.

Dear Sir:—I have conversed fully with the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to an arrangement that might be made between the State Hospital and the United States, for the accommodation of sick and disabled seamen in the port of New Haven. In order to bring our conversation into an official shape, I addressed a note to the Secretary, requesting to be informed whether such an arrangement (the State Hospital to have all the receipts of hospital money taken at the Custom House) would be recommended to the President for his approval. Mr. Rush promptly replied, and by way of answering sent me the enclosed copy of a letter from the Treasury Department to the collector at Portland, by which I am to understand that a similar arrangement would be made with you. Be pleased to show the enclosed to the gentlemen associated with you in the establishment of the proposed Hospital, and let me know when convenient, if such an arrangement would be agreeable.

I do not believe that any appropriation for building could be obtained. The various hospital money (and Congress will not appropriate from any other fund) has all been used up, or engaged, in the erection of buildings in the larger ports, and the money collected in our port for several years past which has not been expended there, has all gone into the general fund, and cannot now be reclaimed. My own decided opinion, therefore, is *for the present*, to make an arrangement with the Department to provide for the seamen, and have all the hospital money that may be hereafter collected, under your own control. Indeed, it is possible that in attempting to do better than this, we might here much worse. For, should the subject be agitated, those opposed to such an arrangement would make use of such language as this: 'Why let the port of New Haven have all the hospital money to be collected there hereafter, when the funds at the Treasury show that for the *two* *next* *port* that port has not required to be expended there one-fourth of the money collected?'

I write in much haste, and must therefore ask you to excuse my ragged penmanship, which I hope you will be able to decipher without too much trouble.

Very respectfully and faithfully yours,

R. I. INGERSOLL.

Dr. JOSEPH AL KILGAT.

It was then voted that this society will engage to support all seamen who may be proper subjects of hospital privileges in this port, on condition that the United States will pay over to the society all the hospital money hereafter collected in the collection district of New Haven. A copy of the resolution was forwarded to Mr. Ingersoll.

At the meeting held January 2, 1828, the first action was taken by the Directors with reference to a site for

the hospital. Nothing definite was done. A simple committee of inquiry was appointed. This appears to have been done in consequence of the prospect of receiving something from the United States for the care of seamen. At a meeting, March 20, 1828, Dr. Knight reported that Mr. Bishop, the Collector of the Port, had received a letter from the U. S. Treasury Department, which rendered it probable that the proposition of this society, voted at the last meeting of the Directors, would be accepted. It was immediately voted that the committee appointed to make inquiry concerning a site for a hospital, be authorized to rent a building for a hospital. Dr. Knight was authorized to make a contract with the U. S. Government in behalf of the society, concerning the support of sick and disabled seamen. At this meeting the first action was taken with reference to subscriptions for the benefit of the hospital, and Dr. John Skinner was appointed agent to solicit subscriptions.

At a special meeting held March 26, 1828, the committee to procure a site for the hospital, was authorized to rent a building of Abraham Bishop for one year, for sixty dollars. Prof. Silliman and Dr. E. Ives were appointed to draft and circulate a handbill to inform our citizens of the objects of the society, and of its pecuniary need. At an adjourned meeting held April 2, 1828, at Mr. Leffingwell's, "several gentlemen of the town, by invitation, attended the meeting." April 4, a meeting was held at which it was voted to invite a meeting of citizens of both sexes for the purpose of calling public attention to the subject of a hospital, and that several gentlemen be requested to address the meeting—the public meeting to be held in the North Church Wednesday evening, April 9. At a subsequent meeting held April 6, the object of the public meeting was explained and some arrangements for the meeting were made. No further mention is made of the meeting at the North Church. Whether the meeting was held is a matter of doubt, as no mention is made of the results of such meeting. April 10, a meeting was held at Mr. Leffingwell's, at

which arrangements were made for collecting subscriptions, by dividing the town into twelve districts and appointing a person to each district. At the next meeting, April 11, "some further arrangements were made with regard to procuring subscriptions." There is nothing to show what these arrangements were.

At the special meeting, May 13, 1828, the first evidence of pipe-laying on the part of the Directors is shown. By vote of the meeting Dr. Reynold Webb, a member of the Legislature, attended by invitation, and the Hon. John S. Peters was requested to confer with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on the appointment of a committee on the petition of the General Hospital Society, continued from the last session of the Legislature.

At the annual meeting, May 15, 1828, for the election of officers, no changes were made. Some members of the Legislature having requested information concerning the hospital, Dr. Knight was appointed to favor them with a statement of facts on the subject. At a special meeting June 7, 1828, it was voted that the President be requested to advertise for proposals for a site for the hospital. June 31, 1828, the President of the society was authorized to employ an agent to collect subscriptions throughout the State, for the benefit of the hospital. Dr. John Skinner was appointed. Dec. 2 he reported progress. Dec. 3 the Directors met at Dr. Nathan Smith's and proceeded to view several lots which had been offered as sites for the hospital. Several meetings were held for the same purpose, but resulted in no final action. At the meeting held Feb. 6, 1829, the Medical College was "spoken of" for a hospital. This did not seem to be favorably received. At an adjourned meeting, held April 3, 1827, it was voted that it was inexpedient to purchase a site for a hospital at an expense of from \$4,000 to \$6,000, but that it is expedient to obtain an eligible situation, at such a price for the land as shall not seriously entrench upon the funds of the hospital. It was also voted that it was expedient to open a temporary hospital as soon as it can be done. Dr. Skinner was requested to ascertain whether the Peck

house can be had for a hospital, and at what price. April 7, 1829, Mr. Wyllys Warner and Mr. Forrest Shepard were authorized by the Directors to solicit and receive for the benefit of the General Hospital, such contributions as benevolent persons are willing to make for the purpose of carrying into immediate operation a most important public charity, which is located in New Haven, but is designed for the benefit of the State at large and of such strangers as Providence may throw upon our hands.

At the annual meeting, June 9, 1829, no change was made in the officers. The meeting was adjourned to June 13, and the first Prudential Committee was elected, viz: Wm. Leffingwell, James Brewster and Virgil M. Doer. B. Silliman and T. P. Beers were appointed to confer with the Collector of the Port relative to the Marine Hospital Agency. At the meeting Aug. 15, the board voted to approve of the proceedings of Dr. Skinner as Treasurer and agent of the Hospital Society, and tendered the thanks of the board for his services. James Brewster, Prot. Silliman and Dr. Knight were appointed a committee to consider the expediency of purchasing a site for the hospital, and for opening a temporary establishment.

August 29, the subject of a site for the hospital was under consideration. Committees were appointed to examine the land near the Hillhouse lot, and one offered by Mr. Prescott. September 23, of the same year, Drs. Knight, Beers and Hooker were appointed a committee to consider the expediency of contracting to take charge of the sick seamen in this port, for the hospital money collected at this district. The Medical Association were requested to express their opinions concerning the location of the hospital. On the 8th of October a vote was taken relative to a location. The Bacon lot was chosen by a majority of one, seven Directors being present. Notwithstanding this vote, on the 29th of October it was voted to proceed to view the Whittlesey lot, in new township, and other lots proposed for the hospital estab-

ishment. Nov. 3 a ballot was again taken for a site, resulting in six for the Beecher lot and three for the Whittlesey. Several offers of lots were made as a present to the society, on condition that the hospital should be located thereon. The thanks of the board were presented to Messrs. Sidney Hull, Abraham Bishop and Col. Punderson, for their generous offers of land for the hospital. It was voted that Drs. E. Ives and Dow be appointed a committee to state to the meeting of the society the proceedings of the Directors relative to a site. At the above mentioned meeting of the society, on proceeding to a ballot for a site, the Whittlesey lot was chosen, after three ballots, by a majority of eight votes. At a subsequent meeting of the society held Dec. 17, 1829, it was voted that the buildings for the General Hospital Society be located upon the hill on the southwesterly side of the city of New Haven, and northwesterly of the road leading from the foot of Church street to West Haven, upon a part of the Beecher lot so called, or upon a part of said lot and of any lot or lots adjoining thereto, to be designated by the Directors of said society with the assent of the Commissioners.

Resolved, That if the Commissioners shall approve the above general location of the hospital, then the Directors of said society be authorized, with the approbation of said Commissioners, to determine the quantity of land and the particular site, style and extent of the buildings to be erected thereon, provided the expense of said buildings shall not exceed the sum of \$15,000.

After spending a great deal of time, the question of a site was at last determined, and at a meeting of Directors held Nov. 4 it was voted that the Secretary be directed to write Gov. Tomlinson, inquiring what time His Excellency can meet the other gentlemen of the Commission to consider the site of the hospital. Nov. 12, 1829, the Secretary reported that Gov. Tomlinson had appointed Tuesday, the 17th inst., for the meeting of the Commissioners on the subject of the location, and that notice had been given Messrs. Gunn and Pond. On Tuesday, Nov. 17,

Gov. Tomlinson and Mr. Pond being present, a statement was made of the proceedings of the Directors and of the society relative to a site for the hospital; and the Commissioners with the Directors visited the several sites proposed. Several meetings were held between Dec. 1, 1829 and June 21, 1830, at which the long continued subject of a site for the hospital was the chief matter of interest. At last, at the meeting held on the 21st day of June, 1830, Drs. A. S. Monson, Virgil M. Dow and John Skinner, were authorized to complete the purchase of the Beecher lot and the Allen lot, so called, for the use of the hospital; and the Prudential Committee were "authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the purchase money of the same." It was also decided to accept the offer of the Secretary of the Treasury with reference to "sick and disabled seamen of this district," bearing date June 1, 1830. Drs. Tully and Knight were authorized "to provide for the sick and disabled seamen until further measures are taken."

July 10, 1830, Dr. John Skinner was appointed agent "to solicit further funds for the hospital," at the rate of \$2.00 per day and expenses.

At an adjourned meeting held July 16, 1830, "the subject of the style and extent, &c., of the hospital buildings was discussed and a committee was appointed for the purpose of obtaining estimates of the expense of the buildings and a plan of the same." July 30, the plan for the hospital building was submitted to the meeting of Directors. August 18, the plan drawn by Mr. S. M. Stone was accepted. The building "consisting of three stories, to be built of stone after the manner of the Episcopal Chapel in this city," on the corner of Chapel and Olive streets.

September 9, the action at the meeting held on the 18th of August, accepting the plan presented by Mr. Stone, was reconsidered, and it was voted to accept the plan drawn by Mr. Howard. The building to be two stories above the basement, with a Grecian portico. Length of building, one hundred feet; fifty feet deep in

the center; the center projecting in front ten feet, in the rear two feet. The committee appointed to obtain a plan were authorized to advertise for proposals for the erection of the building. Sept. 27, it was decided to reconsider the vote passed August 18, to build after the manner of the Episcopal Chapel, and it was voted to build of "red stone and stucco." Mr. Ithiel Town, a celebrated architect, at that time, was requested to draw an elevation of the ground plan already adopted. It was, undoubtedly, through the influence of Mr. Town that the stucco plan was adopted, as that seemed to be a favorite with him, as will be seen from the quondam State House and his own residence in Hillhouse avenue, and other buildings erected under his supervision.

October 11, it was voted to rescind all former votes accepting of plans for the hospital building, and it was agreed to accept the plans presented by the committee at that meeting.

Several meetings were held subsequently, at which the plans and specifications were considered. On the 9th of November the building committee were authorized to make an agreement with Mr. S. M. Stone in relation to the contract for the hospital buildings. Nov. 12, Gov. Tomlinson and the other commissioners were requested to give their consent to the style and extent of the building, as follows:—

The undersigned, Commissioners to superintend the general concern of the State Hospital to be established in the City of New Haven, having examined the printed "Specifications for the Hospital Building," hereto annexed, and having received an assurance that a responsible person has proposed in contract with the Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut for the sum of twelve thousand and eight hundred dollars, to erect and finish the Hospital Building and its appendages conformably, in all respects, to the plan therein specified, do hereby signify their assent to the style and extent of the building and accommodations for the Hospital, as particularly described in the above-mentioned specifications.

Given under our hands this 22d day of November, A. D. 1832.

GILBERT TOMLINSON.

CHAS. H. POSE.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE HOSPITAL BUILDING.

The Hospital, consisting of a centre and two wings, shall be of the following dimensions:—The centre to be thirty-six feet from front of main walls to the rear, and forty-eight feet in width. The pediment to project twelve feet in front of the whole. The height to be forty-three and a half feet from the top of the water table to the top of the walls, in the line of the eaves.

Each wing to be thirty-five feet in front and thirty-five feet from front to rear, and to be thirty-one and a half feet in height from the top of the water table to the line of the eaves.

It shall be built from the sandstone throughout of that kind of red stone of which the new State House is constructed, and obtained from the same quarries; all the walls to be laid solid in the best lime mortar, and each course, of any considerable size, to be laid in such a manner as will contribute most to strength and durability.

All the exterior walls of the building, including the stableyard, &c., &c., unless otherwise specified, to be plastered and finished in the same manner as the new State House, or like Mr. Hillhouse's new house, as may be preferred, excepting the first three feet from the surface of the ground, all around the building, which shall be pointed and finished like the northwest side of the basement of Mr. Ralph L. Ingersoll's new house, but instead of Chatham stone, to have a water table formed on the top of the red stone, levelled off and projecting three inches. The water table, or belting, of the front part and sides, under the pediment, to be of Chatham red stone, and made so to receive the pavements; the stone to be seven inches thick and fifteen wide, surrounding the other red stone, extending from one side around the platform to the other side—the whole making bay three feet in height all around the rest of the building. The walls of the centre building to commence three and a half feet in thickness at their foundation, and to set off at lessen in thickness by degrees, until they reach the basement floor, there to be twenty-six inches, thence through the basement story to be two feet, and thence through the first story to be twenty-one inches, and through the second story to be eighteen inches, and all above the top of the second story to be sixteen inches in thickness.

The main wall of the east wing to be three and a half feet from the bottom of the deep collar to one foot in height, thence setting off to thirty-two inches at the pavement of the other collar, thence to the foot of the basement twenty-six inches, thence to the floor of the first story twenty-one inches, and through the first story eighteen inches, and through the second story to the top of the wall sixteen inches.

The main walls of the west wing to be two feet eight inches at the base, commencing three feet below the bottom of the joint of the basement, and proportioned above like those of the other wing.

The division walls of the building to be built of brick, laid in good lime mortar, but all below the basement floor to be of stone laid in good mortar beginning level with the foundation of the main walls, and to be twenty inches in thickness, lessening to sixteen at the joint of the basement.

The thickness of all the brick walls to commence eight inches at the base.

ment floor, and all of them carried up to the floor of the attic story eight inches in thickness.

The basement story floor to be about eighteen inches above the natural level of the ground's surface. The earth to be removed beneath the building, in that part where there is no cellar, to two feet in depth, and the foundation to the main walls laid one foot below these two feet, and the foundation of the partition walls the same.

Enough brick, consisting of half merchantable and half soft, may be used for these walls and the chimneys, selecting such as are appropriate for each.

These division walls to extend the whole length of each hall, and on each side of the same except in the east wing, to be united on one side, and all to extend from the main walls of the building through the centre and wings to where said halls intersect each other. All parts of said walls forming parts of rooms, chambers or closets, to be formed, lathed and plastered, except the sides of the brick walls in the halls, which may be plastered directly on the bricks.

All the stone wall of the interior of the building to be formed, lathed and plastered, excepting the cellar and that part of the attic not finished, likewise the ceiling overhead, throughout, to be formed contrary way to the lathing, with larning pieces one inch thick and three wide, and sixteen inches from centre to centre.

The east and west walls of the centre building to be of the same materials and thickness as the north and south walls from their foundation below the bottom of the cellar, and from floor to eave.

The two fluted pillars supporting the pediment, to be of hard brick and plastered. The two square columns to be of stone, like the main walls, and plastered.

The lower cellar to be divided from the other cellar by a stone wall about thirteen feet long and eighteen inches thick, to the surface of the other cellar; thence to the floor of the basement, of brick eight inches thick. This division wall is represented by the dotted line on the draft, occupying the corner of the east wing. The cellar under the basement shall occupy all the east wing, and be six and a half feet deep, in the clear, and the deeper cellar in the centre of the same to be six feet deeper in the clear, and to have a cluster in it of rough boards about ten feet by six, with shelves, a button-door and lock. The cellars and deep cellar to be paved with hard brick. To have a cellar also under the whole of the centre of the building, six and a half feet deep, paved like the other cellars. To have in all eight cellar windows, fixed after the manner of those in Mr. Ralph I. Ingersoll's new house, with gates; the openings to be two feet by four, glazed and to open with hinges. Each cellar to have doors with locks. There shall be one flat outside cellar door, flagging stone steps laid in mortar, with one red stone at the top.

The floors of the first and second stories and of the attic to be of Norway or Egg Harbor boards, and all the floors in the building shall be planed, grooved and tongued, properly seasoned and dry when laid; the beads of the nails sunk below the surface. The floors to the kitchen and washing room in the basement to be similarly made and finished, except to consist of oak of one inch and a quarter in thickness, and not exceeding

six inches in width. The remaining basement floors to be like those of the first and second stories.

The best floor boards shall be selected for the first and second stories. The floor of the main hall in the central building to be of narrow Southern pine.

The outside front principal steps and burresses to be of hewn red stone as drafted. All other steps to the Hospital on side, shall be made of clear, thoroughly seasoned white pine plank, one and a half inches thick; likewise all the platforms, &c., connected with said steps. The inside steps, however, in the large hall, to consist of yellow pine one and a half inch thick.

The steps and stairs of the whole establishment, outside and inside, shall be about seven and a quarter inches rise, and thirteen inches width, as may be preferred.* The front stairs to be of Southern yellow pine; the other stairs all to be of the best Egg Harbor.

All the stairs and wooden steps to have a rail on each side to hold on by in descending, including scuttle stairs. The front stairs to have a metal rail on each side, of cherry, two inches in diameter, placed two inches from each partition; and likewise the same to the inside steps in the main hall.

All the window sills of the hospital shall be made of white Sing Sing marble, and all the door sills of hewn red stone.

Heathen to be of hewn red stone.

The oven in the kitchen to be four feet by ten, and in three parts.

Another to be three feet by eight, and in two pieces; three others be five feet and a half by two, and thirteen others similar, each to be four and a half feet by twenty inches, and all other hearths except these to be of the best hard tile, eight inches square or more. Six of the same hearths to have a semi-circular piece cut out where the fire would lay, and a whole piece fitted in its place to prevent its cracking by fire.

The fire places shall be built to each chimney in every room throughout all the stories, of proper size for the rooms, larger or smaller, as may be preferred. The inside of all the chimney flues, throughout their whole length, to be plastered.

Three ranges on the floor of the first story shall have hewn and faced red stone joints and mantles.

The timber to be of oak and chestnut. The largest timber and the trimmer join to be of the best of oak, the rafters of spruce.

The attic story to have rafters of spruce, and to be constructed on a principle similar to the attic of our churches.

The attic of the wings to be framed similarly or on the best mode of framing dwelling houses.

The joist shall be of proper thickness, such of it as is seventeen feet in length or thereabout to be three inches thick by ten wide. Such of it as is

* Where this phraseology is used, the words "by the Building Committee," are understood.

NOTE 1. In this context, the first story above the basement we designate as the first story; the one next above that the second, and the next the attic; and thus the cellar which is beneath the basement.

NOTE 2. When hewn red stone is mentioned, the Chatham stone, of which our present set of steps now are made, is intended.

much less than seventeen feet is to be two and a half inches thick by ten wide. All the joists, trusses, etc., to be flat sixteen inches apart, from center to center.

No chestnut timber shall be used in any part of the building where any water might leak in to communicate a stain to any part of the building.

All the ceilings shall be of white pine painted three coats of white lead paint.

The shingles to be the best of Connecticut River shingles.

The roof boards to be of spruce closely laid. The rafters over the doors and windows to be of proper size and of timber that has been for some time thoroughly seasoned.

The doors shall be panel doors throughout the building except in the cellars, and these to be tatten doors, knock locks and handles.

The outside doors in draft, and the two in the centre of the building to be three and a half inches thickness, with large knock latches, made on purpose, unless such as are thought suitable by the committee can be purchased, and to have inside lugs to the same. The outside door to the east wing to have a good knock lock of proper size.

The inside doors in the four largest principal rooms on the first story to be two inches thickness. The same on the second floor one and three quarters inches thickness. The remaining inside doors, all except closet doors, to be of one and a half inches thickness. Closet doors one and a quarter inches thickness. All said inside doors to be six panel doors. The outside doors to be eight paneled doors except the front door, and this to have ten panels. The doors in the first story throughout to be eight feet long, and on the second story seven and a half feet long. Hinges to be of six and seven inch bolts to outside doors, on other principal doors five inch bolts. The rear centre hall door and the rear basement door to have side lights like Mrs. Wherry's, but plain ash.

To have the best English mortice locks on four inside doors; the best case door locks and handles to closets; on eight other doors of the building knock locks; the best that can be obtained for the price of one dollar each, and on the remaining doors, thumb latches and bolts.

The window sashes to be oval-sashes one and three quarter inch in thickness. The large one over the operating room to be as thick as its size requires for strength. The glass to this to be eight by ten, six panes in width by ten high, to be made water tight, and the upper sash to move down and to open and shut by pulleys. Six other windows in the roof each to be eight by ten glass, each twenty-four lights and with one sash to move down by pulleys. The glass throughout the building to be of the best of second quality of New England crown glass.

All the windows of the centre building to be on the first story ten by fifteen, on the second story ten by fourteen glass, and five panes wide. The windows at the wings on the first story to consist of glass nine by thirteen, on the second nine by twelve.

All the windows to be made to rise by weights, and the upper sashes to move down by wire pulleys, except in the basement, to have the best of Scott's springs. The gable end of the attic, back side, to have a semi-elliptic window, eight feet long and made to slide up and easy to raise.

The mantle-piece is eight rooms, to consist of columns and carved wood caps, and the remainder to consist of pilasters.

The casings to the doors and windows on the first and second story of the centre building to consist of pilasters, surmounted by plain square blocks. The casings to be six inches wide throughout the first story and five through the second.

The casings of the second story of the wings to consist of an architrave five inches wide.

The casing of the finished part of the attic and throughout the basement story to be a single architrave and mouldings.

The base boards on the first story to be eleven inches wide with mouldings, three on the second the same but ten inches wide.

The attic and basement to have a plain base board eight inches wide with a torus head in the same.

Gutters for water to be made on the roof after the fashion of the modern tin gutters contrived by Mr. Whitney, to be made of copper, on each end of the two wings, front and rear, and on so much of the centre as projects beyond the wings to carry the water onto the wings that would otherwise fall on the ground. These gutters to be constructed to empty the water into four proper sized tin conductors reaching to the water-table and three feet from the ground.

There shall be two lightning rods of iron three-fourths of an inch diameter, affixed to two chimneys of the centre building, made in the best approved manner and silver pointed, to run eleven feet above the tops of the chimneys; and from the roof to ten feet above the tops of the chimneys, to be one inch diameter, to be well secured to the chimneys, likewise to descend into the earth four feet below the surface, their lower extremities sharpened and embedded in broken charcoal.

There shall be two red stone sinks with leaden tubes of proper size and length to conduct off the water. One of these sinks to be six feet by four, the other four and a half feet by twenty inches, each to be located where desired.

The well shall be constructed of red stone, the bottom of it to be made of the hardest brick, laid in water cement two feet in thickness, to the extent of eight feet in height from the bottom; the well cask to be of white oak. The stone to be laid in lime mortar for six feet from the top, and the top to be covered by a heavy red stone in two pieces, the largest of which shall be excavated sufficiently to receive the water and convey it off.

The diameter of the well to be three feet and three inches at the bottom, and three feet one inch at the top. Its depth shall be such as to contain six feet and a half of water when the springs are at an average level. The water to be drawn by a good white oak pump, and an iron tank, each of the best common construction.

There shall be constructed a necessary fourteen feet long by seven and a half broad, and a vault eight feet deep; the building, etc., to be finished and painted after the plan of the one at Messrs. Dwight's Gymnasium, and the vault after the plan of one at Mr. Hildreth's new house, and to have a ventilator.

All the wood work about the exterior of the Hospital to be painted three good coats of white lead lined oil paint. The steps with color as preferred. The inside wood work to have but two coats of paint.

The stairs to the scuttle shall be made firm and easy of access. The scuttle door to be of warh size as preferred.

The walk on the top of the centre building to have scuts around it on the inside, and a deck floor; all to be painted with three coats.

The under side of the pediment to be recessed upward about five feet, and plastered, and have a cornice in the recess around it.

The operating room to be finished as drafted, to have circular seats with backs, etc., as commonly made for such rooms.

All the chimneys above the roof to be painted white.

All the lathing to be of spruce, of the best quality, and seasoned.

The kitchen chimney to have a flue in it for the copper boiler, separate from the other flue, and carried up to the top of the chimney. Also, a flue leading from over the boiler into the other common flue of the chimney, to convey off steam from the boiler.

To have a copper boiler in the kitchen, of the capacity of thirty gallons, with a large brass stop cock and tube, to draw off water into an adjoining room. This boiler to be set, like that in Mr. Ingersoll's new house, with proper iron grates and door. Likewise a cast iron boiler holding twenty gallons, suitably set without stop cock.

To have one oven of large size, and one sandier, both furnished with potter doors—one to be a door of the largest size.

The kitchen too place to have tramels and hooks.

The pantry and closets to have a sufficiency of shelves.

The window in the hall in the end of the west wing on the first story, to have three sashes, reaching to the floor, and a shutter to the lower sash inside.

The rear main hall window of the second story to have also three sashes and shutter, in the same manner.

The rear of the centre building to have a piazza, eighteen feet long by seven feet wide, supported by four pillars, two square and two round, a deck roof, and a platform under it with two seats.

The rear steps to be eight feet long. The steps and platform to the east wing, and all other outside steps and platforms, to have railings and slats.

The ends of the wings shall contain one window on the first story of the west hall, and an east and a west hall window on the second story. No other windows to the ends of the wings, but there shall be four recesses in the place of windows in the end of each wing.

The rear of the centre building to have a water table or belt of marble of proper height for the piazza.

No plastering on the interior of the building but what is tinned and lathed first, except differently specified.

All outside doors to be lighted and glazed, either above or on their sides, or both, so as to light the halls sufficiently. The front door to be lighted as drafted.

All the inside walls plastered, to be done in the best manner, with as much plaster of Paris as is used for the best walls.

All that part of the exterior wall which is supported above the pillars in front of the centre building, extending from said pillars to the ridge of the roof, to be of hard brick, twelve inches thick from the top of the pillars to the line of the eaves, and all above, eight inches thick, and laid rough for plastering.

In the east wing where one of the brick partition walls is left out, the floors and partitions above shall be supported by brick pillars in the cellar, and by wood pillars in the basement story all of sufficient size and strength.

The column of each pillar and of each square column to consist of one piece of white marble.

To each of the two outside doors opening into the basement story, there shall be flagging stone steps, with a red stone at top. To the entrance of the basement in front, within the main front door, there shall be wooden steps.

The balustrade or balldement on the roof to be of wood, painted white with three coats.

For particulars not mentioned, see the drafts, which are to be equally binding as the contracting parties as are these specifications.

All rubbish to be cleared away, and ground levelled around the building after the work is finished.

No mortar shall be used in the construction of the hospital that has not been thoroughly prepared three days previously; and none shall be used in plastering and knocking the exterior walls of the same that has not been prepared in a proper manner ten days or more.

In plastering the outside of the building, all endeavors shall be used to effect its being done in the best manner known at the time, both as relates to the quality, proportion and mixing of the ingredients, the proper degree of dryness for applying the second coat, &c., &c., and any other means the committee may consider of importance, as conducing toward beauty or durability, shall receive due attention and be executed accordingly.

The outside doors, besides the main front door (drafted) are to be a rear door to the centre building, and a door to the end of the east wing, both on the first story; also, two doors to the basement story, viz., one in rear of the centre building, and one at the end of the east wing—all to be eight paneled doors. To each outside door of the first story, except the main front door, there shall be a flight of wooden steps and platform with railings on each side. Both at the entrances to the basement story to have flagging stone steps, with each one red stone at top, two feet broad.

There shall be a brick cistern of the capacity of twenty hogheads, plastered inside with water lime, and covered over the top with plank.

The walls to be up and covered by the first of August next. The inside to be finished, so that the building shall be habitable by the first of October next.

The outside plastering not to be put on till May, 1852.

To have Connecticut River yellow pine floors in the basement and first story, instead of Egg Harbor, as heretofore directed.

To have mahogany sills to doors of the four best rooms.

The rear piazza to be celled with plain boards, and the deck well painted.

The pavement under the front portico to be of flagging stone, selected by the committee, to cost eleven cents a foot.

To have appropriate iron scrapers to all outside steps.

Closets to be as drafted.

All windows that rise by weights to have the best kind of fastenings.

Windows referred to in these specifications are believed to be as follows:—

4 windows to x 15 glass, 4 panes wide, and 6 high.

5 " " 10 x 14 " 5 " " " 6 "

12 " " 8 x 13 " 4 " " " 8 "

12 " " 6 x 12 " 4 " " " 6 "

4 " " 8 x 13 " 4 " " " 6 "

1 " " 10 x 14 " 5 " " " 6 "

12 " " 6 x 13 " 4 " " " 6 "

8 " " 6 x 12 " 3 " " " 6 "

6 " " 8 x 10 " 22 panes each, in roof.

1 " " 8 x 10 " 8 panes wide and 20 high in roof.

The building was erected under the above specifications by Silsby M. Stone, Esq., for less than \$13,000.

November 22d. Mr. Nathan Peck was appointed to superintend the erection of the building, to watch its progress and observe that the contract was fulfilled. It was also voted that Dr. Thomas Hubbard be authorized to execute the contract on the part of the Hospital Society. Several meetings were held between the above date and June, 1831. A meeting was held at this time at which it was decided to accept of the contract with the Treasury Department for the care of sick and disabled seamen at the rate of \$3.50 per week for the care of sick seamen. Oct. 13th it was again decided to apply to Congress for aid in completing the Hospital establishment:—

To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled.

The Petition of the "General Hospital Society of Connecticut," by their Directors, respectfully sheweth:—

That the Legislature of Connecticut, at their Session in May, 1826, in consequence of an unanimous application of the Medical Convention of the State, granted a Charter for a "State Hospital, to be established in the City of New Haven."

This Institution, if carried into effect, will be the first and only one of the kind in the State. It has long been required, by the wants of the community and earnestly regarded, not only by medical gentlemen of high reputation, but by enlightened and benevolent citizens of all classes and professions, as one of the most important charities of the country. It has been viewed, as all similar establishments in our country have been regarded, as

the refuge and asylum of the sick and distressed of all lands ; where public bounty may supply the wants of the distressed and is a measure to mitigate the calamities of disease and misfortune. In what other asylum can the sick stranger, cast upon our shores, or arrested in his journey by disease or accident, or the friendless and forlorn of all descriptions find a refuge so appropriate and means of restoration so effectual ?

The establishment is not intended to be exclusive and local in its benefits, nor interesting to the stranger and friendless alone. It will open an asylum for the poor, as well as the sick, for the sailor, as well as the citizen of every other occupation ; in brief, for the afflicted of all classes, who may need medical advice, the assistance of skillful surgical operators, the kind and practical aid of experienced attendants, and the appropriate apparatus and necessary accommodations, which such an establishment only can afford.

To the poor and friendless, the whole advantages of the Hospital will be gratuitously afforded.

The Legislators of Connecticut, dividing their bounty among numerous charitable institutions, have partially endorsed the "General Hospital Society," benevolent individuals have also contributed considerable sums, and upon the strength of funds already raised, and on the anticipation of farther aid, the Directors have purchased a lot of about twelve acres of ground, and are now erecting a substantial stone building, about one hundred and twenty feet in length, and nearly fifty feet in depth, three stories in height, containing forty commodious apartments. The building is to be completed and finished in a plain, neat style, with special regard to economy and the accommodation of patients. But the Society have ascertained that the sums derived from State bounty and individual charity will be insufficient to complete this benevolent project, and that to enable them to realize the anticipated advantages of the Institution, by putting it in full operation, a sum in addition to their present funds, of about twenty-five thousand dollars will be requisite.

As the United States have no hospital within the State of Connecticut for the accommodation of their sick and disabled seamen, particular regard has been paid to that matter by your Petitioners, both in regard to the location and extent of the establishment.

The City of New Haven, which is of easy access to a long line of seaboard, embraces the principal commercial port in the State, and from the course of her business, is peculiarly exposed to diseases of tropical climate, it has therefore been selected as the best location.

The site of the Hospital is on rising ground, commanding an extensive view of the Harbor and of Long Island Sound, and is deemed the best spot that could have been selected, either in reference to facility of access to purity of atmosphere in the neighborhood of the City.

So far as their limited means will allow them to go, the managers are ready and desirous to make permanent arrangements for the good accommodation of that deserving class of patients,—sick and disabled seamen.

They beg leave to suggest, as an important incident to the location, that the establishment will be under the superintendence and management of the Medical Faculty of Yale College, a branch of an University eminently conspicuous among the literary institutions of our country. Their practical aid,

condemned to the inmates of the Hospital, will enable them to illumine to their pupils the theory of a profession, to whose enlightened skill no intelligent being can be insensible.

Fully believing that the Government of the United States will feel an interest in the success of an institution of such general utility and in which they have so direct an interest, the Petitioners with confidence appeal to them for aid:—as the constitutional protectors of commerce and the guardians of seamen, it is presumed that this petition will be received by Congress with favorable regard.

In conclusion, your Petitioners submit respectfully from the United States such sum of money as will enable them to complete the Hospital above described, and furnish it with suitable apparatus and appendages.

November 15th, the Directors made a settlement with Dr. Swan, who had been appointed agent for subscriptions in Fairfield County:—

gentleman.—The agency assigned me in the county of Fairfield, in this State, has been accomplished: but, I regret to say, with very limited success. The citizens of this county will not respond to your appeals to individual liberality. I state this in positive terms: for, it is the result of laborious experiment. The object of my mission was clearly stated to them, in private, in public, and through the medium of the press. I gave, through the whole agency, that importance to the subject, which the interesting character and the exigencies of the institution demanded. I passed 60 days in the county, the greater part of which my object was met either by systematic opposition or disgusting indifference. It is due, however, to the citizens for me to state, that your agent was personally treated with respect, even by those who were hostile to this mode of instituting and maintaining our public institutions. They almost universally refer you to the State Legislature for this object.

My accounts have been retailed to the prudential committee, to whom I respectfully tender my thanks for their attentions and the promptness with which my communications have been attended to while abroad.

Accept, gentlemen, my best wishes for the success of your institution.

Yours, respectfully, J. SWAN.

Director of Gen. Hosp. Soc., Conn.,
New Haven, Nov. 14, 1831.

March 23d, 1832, it was voted to make another application to the Legislature for further aid, the application to Congress not having been successful.

At the annual meeting held May 11, 1832, Hon. Simeon Baldwin was elected President; Thomas Hubbard, M.D., Vice-Pres.; Amos Townsend, Jr., Treasurer, and N. B. Ives, Secretary. There had been no changes in the officers

from year to year, since the first election to this time, with the exception of the choice of N. B. Ives as Secretary in place of Charles Hooker. At this meeting the first choice of Attending Physicians and Visitors was made. The Visitors were, Sidney Hull, Hon. Dennis Kimberly, Dr. Thos. Hubbard, Hon. Simeon Baldwin and Dr. T. P. Beers. Attending Physicians and Surgeons, Thos. Hubbard, Eli Ives, Jonathan Knight, V. M. Dow, A. S. Monson and Charles Hooker.

June 22, 1832. The cholera having appeared in the City, a meeting was convened on the propriety of admitting cholera patients to the Hospital. The subject was indefinitely postponed.

July 11th. A request was presented from the Board of Health for permission to make use of the Hospital for cholera patients. A committee, consisting of Hon. Dennis Kimberly and John Beach, Esq., was appointed to communicate the views of the Directors to the Board of Health. It is apparent that the views of the Directors did not agree with those of the Board of Health, for at a subsequent meeting another application was made by the Health Committee for the use of the Hospital for cholera patients. It was decided to be inexpedient under existing circumstances to accede to the request of the Board of Health. Hon. Dennis Kimberly, Hon. Henry W. Edwards and Dr. T. P. Beers, were appointed to explain to the Board of Health the reasons for the foregoing determination. The chief ground of objection was that the charter provided that contagious diseases should not be received into the Hospital.

July 31, 1832. It was voted that the building committee, with the addition of Hon. Simeon Baldwin, F. B. Winthrop, Esq., and Hon. Dennis Kimberly, be a committee to decide with regard to the acceptance of the Hospital buildings. It was also voted to appoint the President, Hon. Simeon Baldwin, to negotiate with the treasurer of the school land for a permanent loan. Aug. 3d, it was decided to borrow, in the name of the Society, a sum not exceeding \$2,500, to be applied to the payment of the

debt due from the Society to Sidney M. Stone for the erection of the Hospital.

The action of the Society in refusing to receive cholera patients, without doubt operated to the financial injury of the Society. At that time there was great indignation expressed by many of the citizens of New Haven at what was termed the "cruelty of the doctors" in refusing to take charge of the poor, suffering cholera patients; but the opinions of the physicians of that day were such as to the contagion or infection of cholera as to force them to take the stand they did in that matter.

September 27, 1832, the first mention is made of the employment of a Steward for the Hospital, and William Storer was elected.

In May, 1833, at the annual meeting, Nathan Peck, Esq. was elected President, and two new names appear on the Board of Visitors; viz., Dr. Samuel Ponderson and Isaac Beers, Esq. The other officers remained the same. Dr. Chas. Hooker was appointed agent for the marine hospital fund in 1832 and continued. The Prudential Committee were authorized to sell a lot of land separated from the Hospital square by a road running nearly north and south and adjoining the land of Nathan Peck. This was the street that is now a continuation of Howard ave., and formerly called Hubbard street, from the late Dr. Hubbard, who was so long connected with the Hospital as Vice President, Director and Attending Surgeon. It was voted, also, to sell the real estate belonging to the Society in North Haven.

May 19th, 1834, a committee was appointed to meet the committee for the petitioners for a new bank and concert measures for securing a grant from the Legislature. The Legislature in their wisdom decided, on several different occasions, not to grant any direct aid to the Hospital, with one exception. In 1828 they did appropriate \$5,000 for the benefit of the Hospital fund for buildings. The report on this petition was made by the late Governor Henry W. Edwards, who was at that time a member of the Senate and is as follows:—

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the General Hospital Society, Report—

That this Society was incorporated in the year 1826, and that since their incorporation they have been engaged in raising funds to enable them to accomplish the objects for which they were organized.

The Medical Convention of the State highly approving the objects of the Institution, and disposed as far as in their power to aid them, have appropriated the amount payable for Degrees by those who are graduated in the Medical Institution, being \$5 for each Degree, amounting to about \$400 per year, permanently to this object.

The Professors of the Medical Institution have also pledged their professional services to the Society, and ten per cent. of their income from the Medical Institution for five years, and in case this ten per cent. does not amount to \$400 per year from each Professor, they agree to add to it such a sum as will make it \$400 from each; there being four Professors, this will give 400 dollars per year for five years from this source.

The Society also hope by an arrangement with the United States respecting the sick and disabled seamen in the Collection District of New Haven, to obtain the Hospital money collected in that Collection District, amounting to about \$100 per year.

They have also obtained in donations from individuals in New Haven a considerable sum, which they expect will be increased, so that what is thus obtained, in addition to what has been given by the Professors of the Medical Institution, independent of their professional services, will amount at least to \$5,000.

They also expect, and have received encouraging assurances in that effect, that a considerable sum will be obtained from donations by individuals in other parts of the State.

Not less than ten thousand dollars will be absolutely necessary to procure a site, and erect suitable buildings. Whatever is obtained beyond this, will be applied in defraying the expenses of carrying on the establishment.

The Committee are also advised that this is essentially a charitable institution. That those who are unable to pay are to be admitted gratuitously. It is contemplated, however, it will frequently happen, as has been the fact in other places, where institutions of a similar nature have been established, that persons of property will resort to this Institution, on account of the superior advantages they may there enjoy. When this is the case it is expected they will make a reasonable compensation, excepting for the services of the physicians and surgeons, which are in all cases to be gratuitous.

As an auxiliary to the Medical Institution this Hospital is considered very important, as without an establishment of this kind it is impossible to communicate medical instruction in the most advantageous manner. The theory of medical science may be communicated without it, but theory without practice is this, as well as everything else, is comparatively of little use.

The State of Connecticut is so limited and circumscribed in territory that it is necessary we should avail ourselves to the utmost of the advantages we do possess, to secure to ourselves a proper degree of relative importance in the Union. These things have not been neglected hitherto. Among the

advantages within our reach the means of education and instruction are extremely important, and wherever advantages the natives of this State may have been proud to possess and enjoy in other parts of the Union to which they have been induced to migrate, is justly chargeable to the superior advantages of education they have enjoyed in the State of their nativity.

From the earliest settlement of the State education has been a primary object with those who have superintended the concerns of the State, and attention in this respect has hitherto kept pace with the progress of society and the advancement of the country.

Education is a subject which appears to devolve naturally on the States—and its care has been left hitherto almost exclusively to them, and in many particulars it will no doubt always be so left.

Each State in the Union seems disposed to possess within itself all the means of instruction, and also to provide itself with those institutions which are considered important for the health and comfort of its inhabitants.

The period is not far distant when the number of colleges in the United States was very limited; at present there is scarcely a State in the Union that has not provided itself or is taking measures to provide itself, with at least one institution of this kind.

It is but a very few years since there was but one Institution in the United States for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb. These institutions have multiplied and the probability is that every State in the Union will soon be provided with one.

Medical Institutions, until very recently, were rare in this country, and young men from every part of the United States were under the necessity of resorting to perhaps one particular place, or going to foreign countries, to procure proper medical instruction. Institutions of this kind are now diffused or are diffusing themselves through the country.

Hospitals for the Incurable are also Institutions with respect to which the same remarks may be made.

In all these particulars, fortunately, the State of Connecticut is provided, and an institution of the kind contemplated by the Petitioners is alone wanted to complete our public establishments.

In addition to its use as connected with medical instruction, it is considered as a place where diseases of a certain kind, particularly chronic diseases, may be more advantageously treated than elsewhere.

As the Hospital will be furnished with the best apparatus and all necessary attendants, it is considered as a place where surgical operations of a delicate and difficult nature can be most conveniently and successfully performed.

At the present time instances not unfrequently occur of persons from different and distant parts of the State resorting to New Haven, to avail themselves of the skill and experience of the Professors of the Medical Institution in surgical cases, and great difficulty has been experienced in procuring suitable places for their accommodation. Private families and the keepers of public houses are generally unwilling to admit persons of this description.

The students of the college when taken sick, it is contemplated, will here find a place where they can be attended to in the best possible manner, and that this establishment will furnish the only proper substitute for parental care and watchfulness.

Strangers of every description, it is calculated, will here find a refuge and a home.

The Committee, after a full examination and investigation of the subject, are of the opinion that this Institution addresses itself with peculiar force to the feelings and interests of this community, and is well worthy the passage of the State.

After the erection of suitable buildings, the expenses with which the Institution will be charged are—The purchase of suitable furniture and apparatus. The expense of fuel, fuel, and medicine. The wages and support of a suitable person as superintendent, with his family, to reside at the Hospital. The wages and support of nurses. The preservation and repair of buildings, furniture, &c., and some other incidental expenses, which cannot be particularly foreseen or specified. These expenses must be defrayed from the funds of the Society, and it is contemplated that such will be an advantage and such the force with which it will recommend itself to the favor of the community, that the Society will be enabled by the aid it will receive from individuals, to carry on their operations, if they are furnished by the State with necessary buildings.

The Committee therefore recommend an appropriation of Five Thousand Dollars, in two annual installments of 2,500 Dollars each, to be expended in the purchase of a site and the erection of buildings, and for this purpose they report a joint resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted. Per order.

(Signed) H. W. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

Resolved by this Assembly, That the sum of Five Thousand Dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the General Hospital Society of the Connecticut, to aid such Society in the purchase of a suitable site and the erection of suitable buildings for the accommodation of said Society, and that the same be paid to said Society in installments following, that is to say, one half on the first of July of the present year, and the other half on the first of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, and the Comptroller is hereby directed to draw orders on the Treasurer in favor of said Society, for said sum accordingly.

(Approved by the Governor May 27th, 1828.)

They, however, did not hesitate to say to certain banks that had applied to them for charters, we will grant you the privileges you request, provided you will pay so much to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut. A very convenient mode of satisfying their consciences and relieving the State from the expenditure of any money for the benefit of a great and important charity. This, of course, refers to the early legislation on this matter. Of late years the Legislature has not been called upon to

grant charters for banks, and in consequence have pursued a more direct and liberal policy toward all of our State charities. A full and detailed statement of the action of the Legislature in this respect will appear before we close this paper.

February 4th, 1835. A meeting was held for the purpose of authorizing the Secretary to dispose of a small strip of land situated southwesterly of the Hospital.

At the annual meeting, May 15th, 1835, the old officers were elected, with the exception that Dr. V. M. Dow was chosen Secretary in place of Dr. N. B. Ives. Henry Peck, Esq., was elected Visitor in place of Hon. Dennis Kimberly. A. S. Monson, M. D., was added to the list of Attending Physicians. Nathan Peck, Esq., T. P. Beers, M. D., V. M. Dow, M. D., Dr. J. Skinner, and John Babcock, Esq., were appointed a Committee to lay out roads, set out trees, when they shall deem it necessary, improve the grounds, and make other improvements.

August 25th. Another lot of land was sold under the direction of Henry Peck, Esq.

October 5th. James Brewster, Esq., was added to the Committee for improving the grounds of the Hospital. It was voted "to sell the small old house now on the Beecher lot for the purpose of being removed therefrom." Voted, that a "poling fence be made on the southwesterly side of the street lately made in front of the Hospital Square. This is the street now called Cedar street.

December 9th. The Milford Turnpike Company were requested to discontinue, as a turnpike, that part of their road which extends from George street, in New Haven, to the West Bridge, and take instead of it Congress Avenue.

January 12th, 1836. It was voted to sell a certain piece of land situated northeasterly of the Hospital Square. The matter of procuring some fit person as Steward of the Hospital was referred to the Prudential Committee. William Storer, the first Steward of the Hospital having resigned. Mr. Amos Hill was appointed soon after this meeting.

April 21st, 1836. Dr. J. Skinner was appointed to provide fuel, provisions, &c., for the Hospital.

December 21st, 1836. The Legislature was again called upon for money out of the funds soon to be received by the State from the United States. The Directors were, evidently, on the alert, to call upon the State when it was in funds from any source.

May 11th, 1838. It was directed that the Secretary give public notice in the newspapers of the terms and conditions on which patients will be received into the Hospital. It was also voted that the Prudential Committee be authorized to procure two more beds, when wanted. I find nothing on the record to show the number of beds in the Hospital; but it is safe to conclude that there were more than two.

May 10th, 1839. Drs. J. H. Kain and E. H. Bishop were elected Attending Physicians.

At the annual meeting, May 14th, 1840, Dr. E. H. Bishop was elected Secretary, and E. H. Bishop, M.D., and Henry A. Tomlinson, M.D., were chosen as Attending Physicians.

March 12th, 1841. Dr. J. H. Kain was elected Attending Physician in place of Dr. H. A. Tomlinson, deceased.

At a meeting held August 4th, 1841, Mr. Amos Hill having resigned, and a number of persons having applied to the Prudential Committee, it was voted to refer the matter to the Prudential Committee, with power to act in the matter. Dr. P. T. Miller was elected Steward in 1841.

May 12th, 1842. Dr. J. Knight was elected President; Hon. Dennis Kimberly, Vice President. Dr. Knight held the office of President from this time until his death, in 1864. At this meeting Dr. P. A. Jewett was elected Attending Physician and Surgeon.

January 18th, 1843. The Directors authorized the Prudential Committee to rent to Dr. J. G. Percival certain rooms in the Hospital. The number of patients being small, the Directors were disposed to occupy all the available space in the Hospital for a reasonable remuneration.

neration; consequently at this time we find many of the rooms occupied for the storage of the furniture of families who had temporarily left the city. For the same reason the rooms in the second story of the south wing were rented to Dr. Percival.

At a special meeting held October 24, 1843, Dr. E. H. Bishop resigned the office of Secretary, and Dr. P. A. Jewett was elected to fill the vacancy.

At the adjourned annual meeting, May 15, 1845, John A. Totten and Levi Ives, M.D., were elected Attending Physicians.

It is interesting to state that, a few years previous to this date, enough of the original purchase of land had been sold so that the Hospital Square of seven and three quarter acres had cost the Society but five hundred dollars. Subsequent sales of land were made for such an amount as to make a saving of a few hundred dollars over the original cost.

At the meeting July 4th, the Prudential Committee were for the first time authorized to employ a house physician, to reside at the Hospital.

At the meeting, May 7th, 1847, Dr. H. Bronson was appointed Attending Physician.

A committee consisting of Drs. E. Ives, E. H. Bishop and P. A. Jewett, were appointed to consider and recommend some plan for obtaining an increase of the Hospital funds and the number of members of the Society.

May 25th, 1847, in consequence of the large increase of expenses, under the management of then Steward, and of a slight misunderstanding between Dr. Dow, the Chairman of the Prudential Committee, and a large dog, the property of the Steward, the following resolution was introduced by Dr. Dow, and passed by the unanimous vote of the Directors:

Resolved, That the Steward of the Hospital be directed to sell the horse, wagon, cart and harness, and other articles, as the Prudential Committee may direct; and also that he be directed not to keep a horse. To enjoin upon him to devote his undivided attention, and that of his

wide, to the interests of the Hospital: to *keep no dogs or other useless and expensive animals* on the premises; and to require of him a monthly statement of the accounts, of debts contracted, and of all moneys received and paid out by him; and that no article, beside those necessary for the ordinary business of the Hospital, be purchased without a written order from the Prudential Committee.

The Chairman of the Prudential Committee was directed to visit the Hospital *every month*, to examine the accounts of the Steward, and to have a general supervision of the economical concerns of the Hospital; and that he be allowed twenty-five dollars for his services. The result proved that this appropriation was well expended, for on August 11th, 1847, the resignation of the Steward was received and accepted.

September 7th, at a special meeting, William Merwin was appointed Steward at a salary of \$300 per year for the services of himself and wife. As Mr. Merwin was satisfied with this salary for several years, it is to be presumed that it was a sufficiently liberal one for the services performed.

August 4th, 1848, at a special meeting, Dr. A. C. Blakeslee, the first house Physician, received his appointment. Drs. Knight, Hooker, Dour, S. M. Stone, Esq., and Dr. Jewett, were appointed a Committee for the purpose of devising some plan for rendering the grounds about the Hospital more ornamental. August 14th, the Committee reported, and were authorized to carry the proposed plan into execution as soon as convenient.

May 14th, 1849, at the annual meeting, Drs. D. L. Daggett and W. J. Whiting were elected Attending Physicians.

October 23d, 1849, the bonus of \$5000 from the Farmers Bank of Bridgeport, was received, and Dr. Knight and Hon. W. W. Boardman were appointed a Committee to loan the money.

May 22d, 1850, Dr. N. W. Taylor was elected Attending Physician. At this meeting the first report to the Legislature was ordered to be prepared by the President, Dr. Knight.

The writer well remembers the opposition, not to say derision, his proposition met in the Board of Directors, when he proposed to make application to the Legislature for an annual appropriation of \$2000 for charity patients, to be expended on the same terms as the appropriation of \$5000 to the retreat for the insane at Hartford. After persistent efforts before several meetings of the Directors, at which the matter was discussed, the proposer being the only one in the affirmative, apparently, to get rid of the annoyance, the Directors gave their consent, that the Secretary, Dr. Jewett, who had brought the matter before the Board, might prepare a petition to the Legislature to be presented with his signature and that of the President, Dr. Knight, if he chose to sign it. It was also directed that, as the matter was so sure to fail, no record should be made. A petition was prepared, signed by the President and the Secretary. This was presented to the Legislature and referred to a special Committee of one from the Senate and eight from the House of Representatives. As the appointment of the Committee seemed to mean something, other members of the Hospital Society came forward with offers of assistance. We were met at once by a remonstrance from the Homoeopathic physicians to the appropriation, unless they were permitted to occupy a certain number of beds in the Hospital for their exclusive mode of treatment. After several meetings of the Committee, they at last agreed, unanimously, to report in favor of the appropriation. The Senate and House of Representatives accepted the report and passed the resolution for the appropriation.* Subsequently, after the Hospital was organized at Hartford, a similar appropriation was made for that Hospital. Both continue to this day, and have been the means of extending the benefits of the Hospitals to many patients who could not have been cared for in any other way. It may be interesting to state as a portion of the history of the Hospital, that on another occasion,

* At the session of the General Assembly in May, 1876, this appropriation was increased to \$5,000.

when the Legislature was asked for an appropriation of \$20,000, on condition that an equal amount should be raised by subscription, we were met by the most decided opposition from the same source. Able counsel was employed on both sides in this controversy before the Committee of the Legislature; and after a long and somewhat bitter contest the matter was finally settled by a compromise offered by the friends of the Hospital Society, to this effect: the Hospital Society were to consent to an appropriation of \$10,000 for the purpose of establishing a Homoeopathic Hospital whenever the physicians and friends of that school of practice should raise an equal amount by subscription. This action on the part of the Committee and the Hospital Society effectually prevented all future opposition from any of our fellow citizens, who believe or profess to believe in any other than the regular school of practice.

Having been from the first intimately connected with all of the applications for aid to the Hospital up to this time, I have ventured to give this full account of the matter, at the expense of some degree of egotism, for which I trust I shall be excused. I would say that with the exception of the first application for the annual appropriation of \$2000, the directors and members have been a unit in all other applications for aid.

At the annual meeting, June 3d, 1851, Dr. Anson Moody was elected Attending Physician.

Committees were appointed to secure the removal of Dr. Percival and Miss Bunnell from the Hospital, as they were occupying rooms needed for patients, the number of patients having materially increased since the vote passed ordering *two* additional beds. At this time resolutions were passed on the death of Dr. V. M. Dow.

July 9th, 1851, the owners of furniture stored in the Hospital were requested to remove it as soon as convenient; and it was voted that no more rooms be rented for such purposes. The Hospital had now begun to prosper; funds had been received to a sufficient extent to authorize the Directors to increase the number of

beds, and receive a larger number of patients. The writer can well recollect that for the first few years of his attendance at the Hospital, having been appointed in 1840, the average number of patients was fifteen. From this before-mentioned date, the number gradually increased, until it became necessary to enlarge the Hospital.

At the meeting held June 28th, 1854, Drs. Knight, Jewett and Moody were appointed a Committee to prepare a circular for distribution to the physicians of the State, and also to prepare rules and regulations for the admission of patients under the resolution of the General Assembly, for the support of charity patients.

July 1st, 1854. A majority of the Commissioners of the State for the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, met at the Tontine Hotel, in New Haven, and appointed Dr. Anson Moody chairman of the Prudential Committee, agent to attend to the admission and discharge of patients under the resolution of the General Assembly, passed May session, 1854; the said Moody to report monthly to the Commissioners the names, residence and disease of patients, and the period each patient has been in the Hospital.

July 3d, 1854. It was voted that Dr. Knight be requested to prepare a circular, to be distributed to the citizens of New Haven, for the purpose of procuring aid for furnishing rooms in the Hospital, and that Leonard A. Daggett, Esq., be employed to procure and collect subscriptions for this purpose. The citizens of New Haven responded only in a moderate way to this appeal. The Society, however, were enabled to make all necessary arrangements for the expected increase of patients.

February 12, 1855. Resolutions were passed commemorative of the death of Dr. Anson Moody, chairman of the Prudential Committee. At this meeting the first action was taken with reference to a classification of the patients in the Hospital, and Drs. Knight, Bishop and C. Hooker were appointed a Committee for this purpose.

June 4th, 1855. Dr. E. H. Bishop was elected Chairman of the Prudential Committee, in place of Dr. Moody, deceased.

At a meeting held January 6th, 1836, William S. Pierson, Esq., was appointed to take charge of the lot of land in Dorset, Ohio, given to the Hospital Society by the late Isaac Mills, Esq., for the purpose of the better protecting his own lands adjoining. It was also voted that on notice at any time within one year, from the said Pierson, that he will purchase said lot in Dorset, Ohio, for \$400; the Society will sell the same to him for that price if not previously sold.

The only changes of importance, for some two or three years, in the officers of the Society, are the election of S. G. Hubbard, W. Hooker and E. A. Park as Attending Physicians.

November 26, 1836. Dr. O. W. Peck was elected House Physician. At this meeting it was voted that the candidates for House Physician be subjected to an examination on all the various branches of medical science.

September 23d, 1858. A special meeting of the Directors was held in consequence of the death of Dr. T. P. Beers, "one of the original Directors and active promoters of the Connecticut Hospital."

June 8th, 1859. The Prudential Committee were instructed to provide more adequate means for warming the Hospital building before the next winter. It was also "voted that the Prudential Committee ascertain the best means of supplying, with the cost, the Hospital with water."

At the annual meeting, June 20th, 1860, no changes were made in the officers with the exception that Dr. C. A. Lindsley was elected one of the Attending Physicians. At this meeting Dr. P. A. Jewett, Hon. W. W. Boardman and Dr. S. Ponderson were appointed a Committee to examine into the affairs of the Hospital, and report such changes as they may deem necessary for the best interests of the Hospital, and for the increase of patients.

September 3d, 1860. The above-mentioned Committee reported by their Chairman, Dr. Jewett. The report was accepted and ordered printed. Dr. Knight, Hon. W. W. Boardman, and the Rev. S. W. S. Dutton, were ap-

pointed a Committee to inquire into the expediency of accepting the proposition from certain ladies of New Haven to appropriate a portion of the Hospital grounds for buildings for indigent females. The Committee reported that the Constitution of the Society was such as to prevent the Directors from using the grounds for any other than Hospital purposes.

A special meeting was held May 14, 1862. Dr. E. O. Cowles was appointed House Physician.

A proposition was made to the Surgeon-General, U. S. A., through the Secretary of the Society, tendering the use of the Hospital for sick and wounded soldiers. A contract was made to furnish all medicine, medical and surgical attendance, rations and quarters for the sum of \$3.50 per week for each soldier received into the Hospital.

May 17, 1862. It was voted that a Committee be appointed to solicit subscriptions in money, beds, bedding, hospital stores, &c., in this city and the adjoining towns, for the purpose of assisting the managers of the Hospital in providing for the sick and wounded soldiers who may be sent here under contract with the War Department. Committee consisted of Drs. Knight, Jewett, Hon. W. W. Boardman and Drs. Hubbard and Daggett. The Board of Physicians and Surgeons were authorized to appoint such assistants as they may deem necessary, during the continuance of the contract with the War Department, for the care of sick and wounded soldiers.

May 27th, 1862. The Rev. Drs. Bacon, Beardsley and Phelps were requested to designate two clergymen from each denomination in the city to act as Chaplains of the Hospital. The thanks of the Directors was voted to the New Haven Water Company for their generous offer of the free use of the water for the temporary buildings to be used for soldiers. A Committee was appointed to ascertain the cost of putting gas and water into the old and new buildings.

At a special meeting held October 12th, 1862, it was voted to lease a portion of the grounds to the General

Government for the use of Military Hospital; the annual rent to be not more than \$1,500, nor less than \$1,000. The Chairman of the Prudential Committee was authorized to sign the lease.

At the special meeting, November 6th, 1862, the Secretary, Dr. Jewett, reported that he had seen the Surgeon-General, U. S. Army, and that he agreed to the terms of the lease of the grounds for the annual rent of \$1,000. It was voted to accept the terms named by the Surgeon-General.

A benevolent fund having been contributed for the benefit of the sick and wounded soldiers, May 21, 1863, it was voted that the Prudential Committee expend said fund on the orders of the Surgeon-in-Charge of the Military Hospital.

At the meeting of the Society, held May 10th, 1866, at the Hospital on Whalley Avenue, an attempt was made to displace certain members of the Board of Directors, who had long been connected with the management of the Hospital, by parties, mainly, who had introduced themselves into membership of the Hospital Society for this purpose, by the payment of a small sum, from \$12.00 to \$25.00. This attempt at revolution was successful so far as the election of Directors was concerned. But fortunately for the Hospital, in a pecuniary point of view, at least, there were certain members of the old Board of Directors who did not choose to submit to this wholesale intimation of their unworthiness to remain in the Direction. They, therefore, at once made themselves life-directors by the payment of \$100 each to the Treasury of the Society. This enabled them to hold the balance of power; and they did not fail to exercise it at the Annual Meeting of the Directors. This was the first and only instance in which the members of the Society had not acted in perfect harmony with the Directors.

May 13th, 1869. The Committee appointed to sell the Whalley Avenue property reported that the property had been sold for \$12,250.

May 11th, 1871. The first action was taken for the erection of additional buildings. The Secretary reported

the names of those who had during the past year made themselves Vice-Presidents for life, by the payment of \$200 and upwards, and life-directors by the payment of \$100 and upwards. This is the only list of subscribers that appears on the record since the original subscription.*

May 9th, 1872. Drs. White, Jewett and Daggett were appointed a Committee to inquire and report on the practicability of making the Hospital available as a training school for nurses.

July 25th, 1872. The Directors were authorized to improve and enlarge the present Hospital building, and to construct additional building in accordance with the plans proposed by the Building Committee; and they were empowered to expend from the funds of the Society such sums as may be necessary for this purpose, not to exceed seventy-five thousand dollars.

At the annual meeting, April 17th, 1873, the Committee to whom was referred the subject of a training school for nurses, reported, that in their opinion it is not expedient for the Hospital Society to undertake the direct organization and management of a training school for nurses; that - while we are highly gratified to learn that arrangements are in progress for the organization of a training school for nurses by a Society devoted to that special object, we therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Society feels deeply impressed with the importance of encouraging in every suitable manner, the special education and training of nurses for service in hospitals and in private families and upon the sick poor. Therefore,

Resolved, That if a Society is organized for the training of nurses, the Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut are hereby authorized and advised, under suitable regulations, to afford to said Society such facilities for the instruction of nurses as can be given at the Hospital consistent with the proper management of, and general interests of the Hospital."

* Total amount, \$13,400. May 9th, 1872, \$300.

This report was signed by Drs. M. C. White, D. L. Daggett, and P. A. Jewett, Committee.

Arrangements were made at this meeting for raising the necessary funds for building purposes. The Society approved of the plans adopted by the Directors for the additional Hospital. Action was also taken for a thorough revision of the charter of the Hospital Society, and the Directors were authorized to petition the Legislature for such alteration as they may deem expedient. Additional subscriptions to the amount of \$1432 were reported.

April 23d, 1874. The new by-laws and regulations for the government and direction of the Society and Hospital, were presented by the Directors, as proposed by the Committee. The Committee consisted of Morris Tyler, William Fitch, P. A. Jewett, Francis Bacon and W. C. DeForest. After amendments in some important particulars, the whole was accepted as the By-Laws and Regulations of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut. It was voted that the By-Laws and Regulations be printed with the Annual Report of the Directors. A Committee of five was appointed to take charge of all matters that may come before the Legislature. The Committee were as follows: Hon. William Fitch, S. E. Baldwin, Esq., Hon. James E. English, Dr. P. A. Jewett and Dr. Francis Bacon. The Committee were instructed to procure from the Legislature such alteration of the charter as will make it optional to elect or not more than four Directors annually.

May 21st, 1874. The proposed amendment to the charter not being yet enacted by the Legislature, the election of officers for the ensuing year was postponed to an adjourned meeting. The Secretary reported additional subscriptions to the amount of \$1275.

May 29th, 1875. The Prudential Committee were authorized to invite the Committee on Humane Institutions to visit the Hospital, and to extend the invitation to all the members of the General Assembly. Soon after this invitation the Committee on Humane Institutions visited the Hospital, and were met by the Directors and

members of the Hospital Society. A statement was made of the intentions and wants of the Hospital Society, that seemed to make a favorable impression on the members of the Committee. That this was true, is evidenced by the fact that soon after the meeting the amendment was passed by the General Assembly. This amendment was with reference to the election of Directors. It was accepted by vote of the Society. The Legislature at the same time made an appropriation of \$30,000, conditioned on \$15,000 being raised by subscription.

At the meeting, March 4th, 1875, the Directors were authorized to erect a Laundry building, and to alter or erect such other small buildings for the use of special classes of patients as the needs of the Hospital may require. The Secretary reported the receipts of subscriptions to the amount of \$1100.

At the annual meeting held in April, 1876, the Prudential Committee reported that Henry Farnam, Esq., Hon. James E. English, and William Fitch had contributed \$5,000 each for the maintenance of free beds.

A new by-law, the 14th, was adopted as follows: "If any person has given, within the year past, or shall hereafter give to the Society during any twelve months the sum of five thousand dollars, he and his heirs and assigns shall be entitled to nominate patients to one free bed in the Hospital of the Society from time to time, forever. Not more than one patient to be nominated by the same person at any one time. If any person shall give the Society during any twelve months the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, he and his heirs and assigns shall be entitled to nominate patients to one free bed in the Hospital of the Society from time to time, during, not exceeding, six months in each year, forever: not more than one patient to be nominated by the same person at any one time. All sums given or to be given and appropriated for the maintenance of free beds shall be invested and kept as a special and perpetual fund, the income only to be used for the support of the Hospital."

In response to the petition of the Directors to the

Legislature, an appropriation of \$50,000 was made, on condition that \$15,000 be raised by subscription. "Friends of the institution liberally met the demand," and the Hospital was enabled to cancel its indebtedness and make such improvements as were necessary in the various departments of the Hospital.

The total amount of appropriations from the State since the foundation of the Hospital is \$87,000. Total from subscriptions, \$50,000. The Hospital has only a small permanent fund amounting to \$15,000.

When we read the annual report of the Hospital of our sister city for 1871, and find that its fund already amounts to over \$150,000, our citizens should blush with shame that, after having been in existence for 50 years, our Hospital should have only a nominal endowment. Can it be that the citizens of New Haven have less liberality than those of Hartford? Or is it true that they take less interest in our charities? In connection with this part of our subject it may be interesting to state that an opinion has been prevalent, as is now, to a limited extent, that the Hospital is a great source of income to the physicians and surgeons who perform the duties of attendants at the Hospital. Those who hold such views cannot have read the various copies of our charter, as published in the annual reports, for it is therein provided that the physicians and surgeons shall receive no compensation for their services. It seems to be difficult to make a limited number of the community believe that there is a body of professional men who are ready and willing to give their services to the sick and needy both in and outside of a hospital. If the citizens of New Haven had given one half the amount that would have covered the fees of the physicians and surgeons for attendance at the Hospital, our permanent fund would have been sufficient to place the institution on an independent basis as a charitable institution. I therefore say without fear of contradiction that the Physicians and Surgeons have done more for our Hospital than all other classes of citizens combined.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

"Frequent applications are made by persons who consider that they are entitled to free admission under the State appropriation of \$7,000 per year, but it is sufficient to meet only a small portion of the expense for the large number who draw upon it for aid. 152 patients, for an aggregate period of 1,652½ weeks, have been partially supported by this appropriation, and it has afforded but \$1.21 per week for each. As the average expense is \$6 per week, this supplement from the State to the \$4 per week paid for all sent by the towns, still leaves a balance to be provided by the Hospital treasury. A considerable number of patients have been received for whom there was no other provision than this small amount afforded by the State fund.

Our own citizens not unfrequently express much surprise that applicants for admission cannot be received at the Hospital free of charge, because it is considered a "benevolent" institution—forgetting that it has no endowment or fund to provide for the expenses of support. It is earnestly hoped that the friends of the poor in various parts of the State will make provision for free beds. In other institutions they are endowed, perhaps, by a church or by some other organization, and kept for specific cases, or as a memorial of a friend who has passed from earth, but whose tender ministrations to the helpless and suffering are thus continued.

It may be asked, why are not the donations made in years past applied in this way in our own Hospital? In its unendowed condition these contributions have been needed for its daily support, and the only interest that can accrue from the generous gifts of other days, is that which comes from the good that has been done.

The great want of the Hospital is an income to meet the increasing and pressing demands upon its charity. Many a poor man comes to our door with exhausted strength and exhausted means, who has struggled against disease, and labored to maintain himself, until he could

labor no longer. Can we say to him: 'We have no provision here for you?' Perhaps a father, or a mother, the victim of accident, or of some fearful malady, seeks at our hands for surgical aid: shall we take from the pittance, perchance laid by, the pittance that is their *all*, or can we lighten the heavy burden, so heavy at the best, and say: 'Come, without money and without price.'

Three hundred dollars will provide a free bed for a year, and who will aid in thus securing to the friendless and the poor, shelter and tender care in the hour of distress—perhaps of death."

August 26th, 1864. A special meeting was held on the occasion of the death of the President, Dr. Jonathan Knight, Pres. 22 years.

June 13th, 1864. Amos Townsend, Esq., resigned the office of Treasurer, which he had held for 32 years.

At the annual, May 12th, 1865, Hon. W. W. Boardman was elected President; E. H. Bishop, M.D., Vice President, and C. A. Lindsley, Secretary.

At a meeting, September 26th, 1865, a committee on a new site for the Hospital was appointed. January 27th, 1866, Dr. Jewett was added to the committee. April 26th, 1866, Messrs. Daggett, Harrison and Lindsley were appointed a committee to confer with the town authorities with regard to a site for new Hospital.

At a meeting held March 2, 1867, action was taken on the death of the Vice President, Hon. Henry Peck.

May 11th, 1867, it was voted to re-occupy the old Hospital buildings and grounds at the earliest convenience, the purchase of a new site and the erection of new buildings having been abandoned.

November 7th, 1867. Resolutions were passed on the death of Dr. Worthington Hooker.

From the close of the Military Hospital in 1866 and the consequent surrender of the building and grounds to the Hospital Society by the government, and the repudiation of the lease for the remainder of the five years, during which the lease was to run, the Directors directed their attention mainly to a settlement with the department at

Washington. The whole matter was at last referred to Governor James E. English, and a satisfactory settlement was made by him, and so reported to a meeting of the Directors May 14th, 1869. A vote of thanks and acknowledgment was passed and presented to Governor English at this meeting, for his personal efforts, freely rendered in furtherance of this settlement.

Oct. 10th, 1870. Dr. Wilcoxson resigned the office of Chairman of the Prudential Committee, with the thanks of the Directors, and Dr. F. L. Dibble was elected to fill the vacancy.

Aug. 28th, 1871. A meeting was held to take action on the death of the Hon. W. W. Boardman, who had been for more than 40 years a Director, Vice-Pres't., and President.

At the annual meeting, May 10th, 1872, action was taken with reference to subscriptions for the building fund. The necessity for increased accommodations was made more and more apparent, and in order that the Hospital might avail itself of the appropriation of \$20,000, it was necessary to increase our action with reference to subscriptions. It is with regret that I am forced to state that our citizens did not respond to the call of the Directors with the alacrity desired; and had it not been for the liberality of a few individuals, our increased accommodations would not have been secured. Through the active exertions and liberal subscriptions of a few gentlemen, sufficient funds were secured to warrant the Directors to proceed in their efforts for a new building.

At the meeting May 31st, 1872, Mr. F. C. Withers was present and exhibited and explained plans for enlarging the Hospital. June 7th, 1872, Governor J. E. English and H. M. Welch were added to the Building Committee.

July 25th, 1872, the Building Committee were authorized to make all contracts necessary for the erection and completion of the proposed Hospital Building; the plans, as submitted by the architects, Messrs. Withers & Russell, having been considered, and, after several meetings of the committee, altered so as to meet the views of the committee.

April 18th, 1873. The plan for a Training School for Nurses was first submitted by Dr. F. Bacon. The resolutions submitted by him, after some slight amendments, were adopted. April 24th, 1873, it was voted that the connection of the Training School with the Hospital may take effect whenever, in the opinion of the Prudential Committee, the new building is ready for occupation. The Training School has now been in operation in connection with the Hospital since the new building was completed. It has met the expectations of its founders, and has succeeded much better than the Directors of the Hospital had reason to anticipate, as it is a well known axiom that no business can be well conducted with two different managers.

At the meeting December 27th, 1873, the final report of the Building Committee was received, and also that of the committee to procure furniture. From the first report it appears that Messrs. Perkins & Chatfield contracted for the mason work for the sum of \$41,000; Mr. A. N. Clark, for joiner work, \$28,087; H. B. Smith & Co., steam heaters, \$8,000. Plumbing, gas fitting, gas fixtures and other extras make the whole cost \$88,158.14. From this is to be deducted discount on bills and contracts, \$3,250, making the total cost, less deduction, \$84,908.14. The cost of furniture, as appears by the report of the committee, is \$4,075.85.

June 5, 1874. General S. E. Merwin was elected on the Prudential Committee in place of Dr. Lindsley. James E. English, Morris Tyler and Daniel Trowbridge were elected Finance Committee. Under the new regulations of the Hospital, Drs. M. C. White, L. J. Sanford, W. L. Bradley, T. H. Bishop, R. S. Ives and S. H. Branson were elected Attending Physicians, and Drs. P. A. Jewett and F. Bacon, Attending Senior Surgeons, and Drs. G. B. Farnam and I. S. Smith, Attending Junior Surgeons. Dr. Daggett having stated to the Directors at this meeting that some friends of the Hospital were desirous that Chapel accommodations should be provided, and would bear the expense of constructing proper accommodations

for public worship, if the Directors would designate some room for the purpose. It was voted that the basement room, formerly used for the sailor's ward, might be used for such purpose. The plan proposed was at once carried into effect, and the Hospital has now convenient and tasty accommodations for religious worship. This was done through the liberality of the Misses Hillhouse.

March 17th, 1874. It was first decided to have a Superintendent of the Hospital in the place of a Steward. It was also decided to appoint a committee to report a scheme for the reorganization of the management of the Hospital, and Hon. Morris Tyler, W. C. DeForest, Esq., Hon. Wm. Fitch, Drs. F. Bacon and P. A. Jewett were appointed the committee.

May 27th, 1874. The resignation of Mr. Douglass Fairchild having been received and accepted, Capt. George M. White was elected Superintendent, at a salary of \$1,800 per annum, with house rent and board for himself and wife. To meet the additional expenses of this, the Hon. Wm. Fitch stated that he would give to the society \$1,000 per year for five years. The Secretary states that "the anxieties of the doubting Directors were thus relieved." The new regulations and by-laws having been reported at a previous meeting, and considered at several meetings, were recommended to the society for adoption, after several amendments had been made.

April 30th, 1874. Dr. L. D. Wilcoxson, D. E. Daggett and W. S. Charney tendered their resignations as members of the Prudential Committee. Their resignations were accepted and a complimentary vote was passed for their long and faithful services to the Hospital as members of the Prudential Committee. The vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Prudential Committee was filled by the election of the Hon. Wm. Fitch, Drs. C. A. Lindsley and F. L. Dibble. The difficulty in the Board of directors was not from any personal feeling towards these gentlemen, but in consequence of the unpopularity of the Steward and a difference of opinion on that subject. The old members of the committee

being disposed to favor the Steward, and a majority of the Directors taking the part of the Head Nurse, as opposed to the Steward.

May 10th, 1872. Dr. E. H. Bishop was elected President, and holds the office to the present time.

At a special meeting held July 30th, 1874, the Prudential Committee, with Gov. English, Nelson Hotchkiss, Esq., and Dr. P. A. Jewett, were appointed a committee to contract for the extension of the heating apparatus, and to make any changes necessary in the Hospital Buildings. It was also voted to appoint a Building Committee to prepare plans and make a report of the needs of the Hospital. The following were appointed: Wm. Fitch, P. L. Dibble, S. E. Merwin, Jr., J. E. English, Nelson Hotchkiss and P. A. Jewett. The committee to petition the Legislature reported that the sum of \$50,000 had been made on condition that \$15,000 in addition be obtained by subscription. A committee consisting of Dr. E. H. Bishop, J. W. Mansfield, Esq., Hon. Morris Tyler, Gov. English, Prof. E. E. Salisbury and S. E. Merwin, Jr., were appointed to solicit subscriptions for the \$15,000.

October 16th, 1874. The committee reported that the appropriation from the State was readily secured by obtaining with great promptness the conditional \$15,000.

March 13th, 1875. The Building Committee were authorized to erect a Laundry Building in accordance with the plans proposed at an expense of \$12,000. This action was confirmed at a meeting held March 20th, 1875.

July 15th, 1875. Mr. Wm. Fitch, Chairman of the Prudential Committee, reported that the firm of Perkins & Chatfield gave to the Hospital the sum of \$500 at the time the new building was erected, and that the firm of Smith & Sperry gave a like sum when the Laundry was erected, and that one member from each firm had been designated to be Directors for life. Mr. Chatfield and Mr. Sperry were confirmed by vote of the Directors as Directors for life.

January 21st, 1876. Dr. S. H. Chapman having resigned

as the Pathologist of the Hospital, Prof. M. C. White, M.D., was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The half-century of the Hospital terminates May 26th, 1876. It will be seen from the history of the Hospital, that the Directors and those outside of the Board, who were interested in the success of the institution, have labored unceasingly for the interests of the Hospital. The institution has seen many dark days; how many, those only know who have been intimately connected with its management. I can truly say, had it not been for the liberality of some of our wealthy citizens, whose donations were received at a time when the future of the Hospital was all darkness, the institution would have been the most unimportant of the charities of the State, instead, as it now is, equal, at least, to the other institution of the same benevolent character. We have no foolish rivalry with our sister institution at Hartford. Nor have they, as we believe, any towards us; but both are ready to lend a helping hand, when required, to advance the interests of either. The writer would be glad to see a hospital in every city in the State. He firmly believes it to be the duty of the physicians of the State and individuals to act promptly in this matter. We cannot do too much for the sick poor within our borders.

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STEWARDS OF THE HOSPITAL.

William Storer, Amos Hill, P. T. Miller, William Merwin, Charles Ball, W. B. Watson, B. C. Lake, Joseph Colton, Douglass Fairchild.

Total number of patients received into the hospital since it was organized, is 11,386. Total number of deaths, 857.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The first subscriptions for the benefit of the hospital were made soon after the appointment of Dr. Skinner as agent to solicit funds. The Professors of the Medical Institution of Yale College appear first on the list. Drs. Eli Ives, Benjamin Silliman, Jonathan Knight, \$500 each, and Thomas Hubbard, \$120. Total, \$1,620.

Exclusive of the above, the subscriptions in the town of New Haven amounted to the sum of \$3,527. Total, \$5,147. The amounts range from \$2 to \$200 each. In New Haven County, exclusive of the town of New Haven, \$579, ranging from 50 cents to \$20. Hartford County, \$1,856.37; range from \$1 to \$500. The subscription of \$500 was made by Solomon Langdon of Farmington. A vote of thanks was passed by the Directors for this generous subscription.

Litchfield County, \$431; range from \$1 to \$100. Middlesex County, \$489.25; range from 50 cents to \$100. Tolland County, \$159.85; range from 50 cents to \$25. Fairfield County, \$298.26; range from 25 cents to \$12. This county, by vote of the Directors, was placed in charge of Dr. Swan of Hotchkissstown, now Westville.

He was to furnish his own conveyance, and receive at the rate of \$2.50 per day and expenses while engaged in canvassing the county. When he had concluded his labors and a settlement was made with the Directors, it was found that the Hospital Society owed him \$2.50 over and above his receipts. New London County, \$239.05; range from 50 cents to \$100. Windham County, \$217.90; range from 25 cents to \$20.

It will be seen from the above abstract of subscriptions that Dr. Skinner would take a small sum when he could not get the larger. The above are the original subscriptions. In addition others have been made to the amount of \$1,402, from time to time. This is exclusive of subscriptions for special purposes. There has been received from the State in the form of legislative appropriations and bank bonus, the sum of \$17,000 up to 1854. Since then, \$70,000. Total, \$87,000.

DESCRIPTION OF BUILDINGS.

The first building erected for the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, was built of red sandstone and covered with stucco. It was 100 feet long, the central portion being 50 feet deep, with a projection of 10 feet in front and 2 feet in the rear, leaving the wings 38 feet in width, with a Grecian portico. It was two stories high with a basement, the latter being entirely above ground. Halls passed through the entire building in both directions on each story. Each room in the building had a large open fire-place. The windows were large, and placed at frequent intervals. The kitchen and dining rooms were in the basement. The steward's office and rooms for his family were on the second story. The only ventilation of the wards was through the open fire-places, and it proved to be, as it was without doubt, the most efficient mode of ventilation ever adopted in the hospital; modern improvements have not yet offered any mode of ventilation equal to this. But the inability to procure in

sufficient quantity, and the consequent expense of procuring the necessary fuel for these heaters, made it necessary to abandon this mode of heating with wood fires. The next mode adopted after the anthracite coal came into common use, was the worst ever adopted except one that will be spoken of hereafter; it consisted of cylinder stoves in each room, one or more according to the size. In order to retain the heat in the wards, it was necessary to close the fire-places with solid mason work, thus preventing all ventilation and all ingress of fresh air, except through the cracks in the doors and windows, and egress of foul air except through the same crevices. It became necessary after a time to abandon this mode of heating, and the modern hot air furnace was introduced. The necessity for ventilation, after this mode had been tried for a time, became so apparent that the mason work in most of the fire-places was removed. It was then found that most of the heat received through the registers passed up the flues of the chimney. The mason work was restored to the fire-places. Another difficulty was found to exist in the hot air furnace. The cold and fresh air to be heated passed through a flue into the air chamber that opened outside of the building, and in extreme cold weather it was found necessary to change the patients from one side of the building to the other, according to the direction of the wind. When the wind was northerly the southerly rooms would be heated and those on the northerly side would be apparently colder than the air outside the building, and *vice versa*. After a few years, and a great consumption of fuel for a small amount of heat, this mode of warming the hospital was abandoned, and the Directors decided to try the Gold Steam Heater. This was almost equal to a return to the old cylinder stoves, the only real difference being the mode of generating heat. There was no difficulty in heating the rooms, but where was the fresh air to come from? An architect was employed to ascertain whether ventilating flues could be placed in the walls of the building. On examination it was found that, unfortunately, the

walls were constructed of such material, and so strong, that it would be impracticable to adopt this mode of introducing fresh air. The same manner of heating the original building remains to the present time. Fortunately, but few patients are accommodated in the wards of the old building, it being used chiefly for offices and the apartments of the Superintendent and sleeping rooms for nurses and other attendants.

At the annual meeting held May 31, 1871, the Directors of the General Hospital Society were authorized to improve and enlarge, by additional buildings or otherwise, the present Hospital building to such an extent as they may deem expedient. July 25, 1872, the Directors were authorized to improve and enlarge the present Hospital building, and to construct additional buildings in accordance with the plans proposed by the building committee,* and they were also empowered to expend from the funds of the Society such sums as may be necessary for these purposes, not to exceed \$75,000. The plans of the new building were drawn by Mr. Withers, of New York, a celebrated hospital architect. The plans submitted by him were adopted by the committee, after having been examined and altered in some important points by Mr. Russell, an architect of this city. We are under great obligations to Governor English for many valuable suggestions with reference to the plan and construction of the building. Mr. Nelson Hotchkiss also rendered valuable assistance in superintending the construction of the building.

The dimensions of the new building are as follows: the central building is 63 feet long by 40 feet wide. It is divided into several rooms on each floor: dining-room, nurses' room for each ward, with closets for linen and clothing of patients. The division of rooms is the same on each floor. The building is two stories high, with a Mansard roof, making it virtually three stories; it is connected with the main building by a corridor 46 feet long

* This committee consisted of Gov. English, Hon. Wm. Fack, H. M. Welch; Drs. D. L. Daggett, C. A. Lindley, F. L. Dittie, and P. A. Jewett.

by 14 feet wide. The wards are six in number, including the third story. The east wing contains the largest wards, each being 90 feet long by 26 feet wide, and each accommodates 22 beds. The west wing is 65 feet long by 26 feet wide, and contains 16 beds for each ward. The water-closets and bath-rooms are in bow-shaped projections at the end of each ward.

This portion of the building also contains the private stair-case. The entire building is heated by steam, the first and second floors by indirect and the upper by direct radiation. The building is ventilated by a large brick shaft passing from the foundation to above the roof, with heat passing into it from the steam heaters, thus producing an upward draft. Large registers open into this shaft from each ward, both near the floor and ceiling. The fresh air is received from the outside through registers, and by the heated air passing through the shaft a constant circulation is maintained. The ventilation of the wards is good, but not by any means perfect. An open fire-place, with a "low down grate" in addition, would be a great improvement.

The new building will contain 126 patients in the six wards, besides the rooms for private cases. Each patient has from 1500 to 1600 cubic feet of air. With the accommodations in the old building the Hospital can receive 150 patients. More room is needed, as the officers of the Hospital are forced to refuse admission to many deserving patients for want of room, especially in the winter, and from want of funds.

We now have one of the best arranged hospitals in the country, and must soon increase our accommodations by building another wing on the north end of the old building, unless some other plan may be deemed best.

BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT, ADOPTED APRIL 23, 1874.

I.—*Meetings of the Society.*

The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held at the Hospital in New Haven, on the third Thursday of April in each year, at such time as the President and Secretary may direct. Notice of all meetings shall be published in at least two daily newspapers printed in New Haven for at least three days preceding each meeting.

II.—*Meetings of the Directors.*

The Annual Meeting of the Directors shall be held on the day following the Annual Meeting of the Society, and other stated meetings shall be held on the third Friday of January, July and October in each year.

Special meetings of the Directors shall be called by order of the President whenever, in his opinion, the business of the Society requires it, or when requested in writing by any five of the Directors. And when special meetings are so called, he shall direct the Secretary to insert in the notices to the members the import of the business to come before them, and such notices shall be served at least two days previous to the time appointed for the meeting, when practicable.

III.—*Directors' Report.*

At each Annual Meeting of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut the Board of Directors shall make a report to the Society of the condition of the Hospital and of their action during the year.

LETTER OF THE OFFICERS.

IV.—*Of the President.*

The President of the Society shall preside at the meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall call special meetings of the Board and of the Society whenever, in his opinion, the business of the Society requires it, or when requested so to do in writing by five Directors, to be held at such place in the City of New Haven as he may think proper.

V.—*Of the Vice-President.*

In case of the absence of the President, the elected Vice-President shall possess his powers and perform his duties.

VI.—*Of the Treasurer.*

The Treasurer having given bonds to the satisfaction of the Finance Committee, shall have the custody of all bonds, titles, deeds, and other papers and documents relating to the property of the corporation, and of all moneys.

belonging thereto. He shall open an account with one of the banks in the City of New Haven, to be approved by the Board, in the name of this corporation, and shall deposit all moneys in such bank immediately upon his receiving them. He shall keep a proper check and account-book, showing the amount of funds in his hands, which shall at all suitable times be open to the inspection of the Directors. At each stated meeting he shall present an account or an abstract thereof, showing the state of the treasury. He shall pay all orders which shall be drawn upon him in the manner hereafter prescribed. He shall execute such resolutions as may be adopted by the Committee of Finance relative to the investment of funds, in compliance with Article IX of the By-Laws. He shall prepare and lay before the members of the Society at their Annual Meeting a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year, of the funds of the Society, and of the manner in which the same are invested.

VII.—*Of the Secretary.*

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, and shall give true copies of the same when requested by the Directors or any one of them. He shall preserve all the records and papers which belong to his office, and they shall at all times be open to the inspection of any Director. He shall notify the Directors of every meeting of the Board, by notice addressed to them through the Post Office, or otherwise, at least two days, when practicable, before the meeting; and shall give similar notice of the meetings of the Society, by publication in at least two daily city papers, for at least three days preceding such meeting. He shall also cause notice to be given to the Chairman of each Committee, of the names of the members thereof, and the object for which they may be appointed. And he shall cause every person appointed to any Standing Committee or on the Medical Board to be notified of his appointment.

VIII.—*Election of Committees.*

The Directors shall elect by ballot, at their Annual Meeting, a Prudential Committee and a Committee of Finance, each to consist of three members, an Auditing Committee of two members, a Superintendent, and a Board of six Visitors, who shall hold office during the year, and until others are elected in their stead, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Any vacancies occurring during the year may be filled in like manner.

IX.—*Of the Finance Committee.*

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance to adopt proper means of augmenting the subscriptions and benefactions, to circulate information respecting the Hospital, to see that the subscriptions are duly received, and to direct the Treasurer in investing the funds, when not otherwise ordered by the Prudential Committee.

X.—*Of the Prudential Committee.*

1. The Prudential Committee shall consist of three Directors. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to

carry into effect the objects of this institution; provided such orders and regulations be not inconsistent with those established by the Board of Directors.

2. They shall receive or reject applicants for admission in accordance with the regulations upon that subject, and shall determine whether the applicant shall be received as a free or pay patient, and in the latter case they shall fix the rate of payment; but they shall admit no person without a previous examination by one of the Medical Staff.

3. They shall meet at the Hospital at least once in each week; but in the interval between these meetings, and when the circumstances of the case shall require it, the Superintendent may act as their representative in the admission of patients, reporting his action in each case to the Committee at their next meeting.

4. They shall see that no patient is allowed to remain in the Hospital unnecessarily, or to the detriment of the institution.

5. They may, at their discretion, discharge any patient or Hospital attendant for disorderly conduct.

6. They shall have general charge of all property within the precincts of the Hospital, and authorize such repairs and disbursements as may from time to time be necessary; but no extraordinary expenditure shall be authorized exceeding one hundred dollars per month, except by the Board. They shall examine as to whether economy is observed in the several departments of the Hospital, the quantity and quality of the food and medicines furnished, and the consumption of liquors for Hospital purposes. They shall once a week inspect all the Hospital buildings, visit the wards and deadhouse, laundry, water and bathing closets, inquire into the behavior of the House officers, the nurses and attendants, and the cleanliness and order of all parts of the Hospital and grounds.

7. They shall audit all bills and accounts, and when approved shall draw orders on the Treasurer for the payment thereof, to be signed by at least two members. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein on each sitting day their proceedings and observations, which book shall be laid before the Board at every stated meeting.

XI.—*Of the Auditing Committee.*

The office of the Auditing Committee shall be to examine the Treasurer's accounts at the close of each year, prior to the annual meeting, and report thereon.

XII.—*Of the Board of Visitors.*

The Board of Visitors shall visit the Hospital at least once each week. They shall inquire into the economical administration of the Hospital, and such other matters as are connected with the care and comfort of the patients. They shall be careful to make all recommendations and suggestions in writing to the Professional Committee, and shall report all reasonable complaints from patients.

XII.—*Alterations or Additions.*

No alteration of, or additions to, these By-Laws shall be made, unless proposed in writing to this Society by at least twelve Directors, of whom six shall be elected Directors.

FREE BEDS AND ANNUAL MEMBERS.

A donation of \$2,500 entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed for life.

A donation of \$1,000 entitles the donor to the same privilege for any above number which he may select in each year.

A donation of \$50 constitutes the donor a life member of the institution. Twenty-five dollars a member for ten years.

A donation of \$300 constitutes the donor a life director.

REGULATIONS OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

I.—*Appointments.*

All Physicians and Surgeons connected with the Hospital shall be elected by ballot, by the Board of Directors, at their Annual Meeting, for the year commencing July 1st next ensuing. Any vacancies occurring during the year may be filled in like manner from candidates nominated by the Medical Board.

II.—*Medical Board.*

1. There shall be four or more Consulting Physicians and Surgeons; there shall be six Attending Physicians and four Attending Surgeons, two of whom shall be termed Senior Surgeons and two Junior Surgeons.

They shall receive no pay for their services in the Hospital.

2. The Medical Board shall consist of the Consulting and Attending Physicians and Surgeons, four of its members constituting a quorum.

3. The Medical Board shall meet regularly on the first Saturday of each month, and at the first regular meeting in May of each year shall elect a President, Vice-President, and Secretary, who shall perform the customary duties of those offices respectively, for one year from the first day of June next ensuing.

4. Special meetings of the Medical Board may be called by its President or by the Board of Directors.

5. The Medical Board shall make rules for the internal management of the Hospital, so far as the Medical Staff is concerned, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and not inconsistent with existing By-Laws.

6. The Medical Board shall advise the Board of Directors in all matters pertaining to the health and physical well-being of the patients. They shall regulate the diet of the patients and the manner and time of giving clinical instruction; they shall also appoint suitable persons as House Medical Staff and Apothecary.

7. The Medical Board shall examine all applicants for appointment on the House Medical Staff. A competitive examination shall be held in each year, at such time as may be directed by the Prudential Committee, and the candidates who are found best qualified shall be appointed to fill vacancies.

III.—*Consulting Physicians and Surgeons.*

The Consulting Physicians and Surgeons shall be considered as equals, and shall be invited to attend all capital operations and to advise in the treatment of obscure and important cases.

IV.—*Attending Physicians and Surgeons.*

1. The Hospital shall be divided into one Medical and one Surgical Department.

2. There shall be assigned to the Medical Department six Physicians, whose several terms of service during the year shall be two months.

3. There shall be assigned to the Surgical Department one Senior and two Junior Surgeons.

The Senior Surgeons shall serve alternately for periods of three months each.

The attending Senior Surgeon shall visit the Hospital on each Saturday, and shall be accompanied by the attending Junior Surgeon. He shall visit the Hospital and accompany the Junior on his regular daily visits, at other times, when the welfare of the patients requires it, or when requested to do so for the purpose of consultation or operation.

All capital operations shall be performed by or under the direction, when practicable, of the attending Senior Surgeon. When possible, a consultation of all the Medical Board shall be called.

The Junior Surgeons shall serve alternately for periods of two months each.

The Attending Physicians and Junior Surgeons shall visit the Hospital once daily, at such hour as the Medical Board may direct, and in cases of emergency or such other times as each may deem necessary. The Junior Surgeon shall assist the Senior Surgeon in all capital operations, and shall have general charge of the treatment of patients, subject to the approval of the Senior Surgeon.

3. The Physicians and Surgeons having charge of each department, shall so arrange that one or the other shall visit their department each day.

4. The attending Physicians and Surgeons shall have the entire direction of the treatment of the patients. They shall also exercise a supervision of the condition of the wards, the behavior of the orderlies and nurses, and the character of the food of the patients, and report to the Prudential Committee. They may give clinical instruction, illustrated by the patients in their respective departments, to such practitioners of medicine and students as are admitted to the Hospital.

5. The Attending Physician and Surgeon on duty shall be present at the meetings of the Prudential Committee, or confer with them on the management of the House.

V.—*Pathologist.*

1. A Pathologist shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, upon the nomination of the Medical Board.

2. All post-mortem examinations upon persons dying in the Hospital shall be made under the direction of the Pathologist, when practicable.

3. All post-mortem examinations shall be made at an appointed hour, and not until a reasonable time after the death of a patient.

4. All pathological specimens shall be the property of the Hospital; and shall be kept in a suitable place, to be provided by the Prudential Committee.

5. The Pathologist may give instruction in pathological anatomy in the autopsy room.

6. The Pathologist shall have charge of the post-mortem instruments.

7. The Pathologist may appoint an assistant, subject to the approval of the Medical Board.

VI.—*Curator.*

1. The Assistant to the Pathologist shall be *ex-officio* Curator of the Museum.

2. He shall have charge of the Hospital Museum, and of the necessary apparatus for preserving specimens.

3. He shall prepare for the Museum all such specimens as may be delivered to him for that purpose by the Pathologist, and keep a catalogue of all specimens placed in the Museum.

VII.—*House Staff.*

1. The House Medical Staff shall consist of one or more Physicians and one or more Surgeons, who shall severally reside in the Hospital. To them may be added assistants, as occasion may require.

2. At the expiration of their term of service, "Certificates of Service" shall be granted to the House Physician and Surgeon by the Board of Directors, on recommendation by the Medical Board.

VIII.—*The House Physician and Surgeon.*

1. The House Physician or House Surgeon shall examine patients applying for admission, determine what wards they shall occupy, subject to the approval of the Attending Physician or Surgeon, and if the condition of patients admits of it, shall order them to a warm bath before assigning them a bed.

2. The House Physician and House Surgeon shall visit each patient in their respective wards, at least morning and evening, and be prepared to report the state of the patients to the attending Physician or Surgeon. They shall record all prescriptions and directions for their administration in books to be kept for that purpose—of which there shall be one for each ward—and shall send the same to the Apothecary shop, immediately after the visit of

the attending Physician and Surgeon, each day, to be retained to the ward with the medicines.

They shall see that the medicines are regularly taken and properly administered, with care and readiness.

There shall also be a "Special Diet" list in each ward, on which shall be recorded all orders for stimulants and extra articles of diet. This list must be written up by the House Physician or House Surgeon, in the afternoon for the following day, and be sent to the Superintendent before three o'clock P. M.

In cases of special need for the same day, the House Physician or House Surgeon will give special orders. (The diet lists must be retained to the wards at or before six o'clock P. M.)

[These lists must be inspected and signed by the Attending Physician or Surgeon once a week.]

3. In any medical or surgical case of emergency, the House Physician or House Surgeon shall request the immediate attendance of the Attending Physician or Surgeon, or if he cannot be found, of any other physicians or surgeons of the Hospital.

4. The House Physician or House Surgeon shall in no case substitute his assistant in the performance of any duty specially intrusted on himself, except in a case of sudden illness or other emergency, or by permission of the Prudential Committee, or of the Attending Physician or Surgeon.

5. The House Physician or House Surgeon shall not remove patients from one ward to another, without the approval of the Superintendent, nor shall he discharge a patient without permission from the Attending Physician or Surgeon, and the concurrence of the Superintendent.

6. The House Physician and House Surgeon shall alternate weekly in examining patients for admission, and in the charge of patients admitted at night—so arranging that both duties shall not devolve at the same time upon either of them.

7. They shall not be absent at the usual hour of attendance of the physicians and surgeons. When either of them intend to go off the premises, he shall leave notice with the Superintendent.

The House Physician and House Surgeon must never be absent at the same time.

8. They shall not engage in any other business than that of the Hospital.

9. When a member of the House staff desires leave of absence from duty, he shall present to the Prudential Committee a petition in writing for the same, approved by his Visiting Physician or Surgeon, and the Committee may grant the leave of absence at their discretion.

IX.—Assistants to the House Physician and House Surgeon.

1. The Assistants shall attend the House Physician or House Surgeon in his morning visits to the patients, and shall also be present at the regular visit of the Attending Physician or Surgeon, and at such other times as he may direct, and shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned to them.

2. The Senior Assistants shall, under the direction of the Attending Physician or Surgeon, keep a record of all medical and surgical cases which occur in their respective departments. In this record shall be entered the name, age, and occupation of each patient, the probable cause and history of his disease, the remedies used upon and after his admission, the name of the Attending Physician or Surgeon, his daily reports of the case, the termination either in recovery, relief or death, and such other circumstances as may tend to illustrate the case, the nature and treatment of the disease; and he prepared to submit these records to the Prudential Committee. It shall be the duty of the respective Junior Assistants to transcribe neatly and legibly every such record, when completed, into the case books. Said books shall be deposited in the Library and properly indexed.

3. It shall also be the special duty of the Senior Surgical Assistant to cleanse carefully all instruments after use, and return them to their proper places, and at surgical operations to admit only medical men in good standing, students invited by them, and such nurses and attendants as may be authorized to be present.

When the office of Assistants is vacant, the duties specified in Article 2 shall be performed by the House Physician and Surgeon.

4. All instruments and apparatus, except jockstraps and thermometers, shall be kept in the place assigned for them, under the charge of the resident House Surgeon. He shall not loan instruments, except to members of the Hospital Medical Board, and in that case he shall take a written receipt for the instruments loaned.

5. The examination of candidates for appointment as Assistant to the resident House Physician and Surgeon shall be held when directed by the Medical Board.

X.—*Apothecary.*

1. The Apothecary shall make up all medicines prescribed, agreeable to the formulas from time to time directed by the Physicians and Surgeon. He shall deliver no medicine or other articles which are not entered on the prescription book, or to persons living out of the House. He shall put up the medicines for each ward separately, and shall annex to them labels bearing the name of the patient for whom prescribed, with printed or written directions for taking them, and he shall send them in each ward to be distributed to the patients. He shall keep splints, bandages, and media, of such sort and in such quantities as shall be directed by the Attending Surgeon, and shall keep a book in which shall be entered the ward to which they are sent, in order that they may be recovered to him when practicable.

2. He shall regularly attend the Dispensary, and never be absent without the Superintendent's permission. He shall keep the Dispensary and its belongings clean and in good order, and it shall remain open from 7 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m. He shall observe careful economy in everything relating to his department, and permit no patient, attendant or other person to enter the Dispensary unannounced. No liquid medicines shall be put up in a larger than four-ounce phial, except infusions, decuctions, and those for external application.

XI.—Of the Superintendent.

1. The Superintendent shall be the Executive Officer of the Board of Directors, and responsible to it for the good order of the House.

2. He shall have power to hire and dismiss all male nurses and all servants, male and female,—including to the Housekeeper those sufficient to do the house work,—subject to the approval of the Prudential Committee; and it shall be his duty to dismiss any attendant who shall be guilty of profanity, drunkenness, neglect of duty or other gross misconduct, reporting his action and reasons therefor to the Prudential Committee.

3. He shall purchase, under the direction of the Prudential Committee, furniture, provisions, medicines, and all other stores required for the Hospital, and shall attend to the issue of the same, keeping under his keys all wines, spirits, etc., and issuing daily the requisite supplies for the day, to the Apothecary.

4. He shall keep in a book provided for that purpose, a regular and accurate account of all moneys received or disbursed by him on behalf of the Hospital, and a record of all such contracts as he may be authorized to make, which book, with the vouchers, shall be laid before the Prudential Committee.

5. He shall deposit all Hospital moneys coming into his hands with the Treasurer Sufficiently, and shall obtain a draft from the Prudential Committee, upon the Treasurer for such sums as may from time to time be required for the uses of the House. He shall account, in his statement of receipts and expenditures, for all moneys so received, which statement, with his vouchers, shall be laid before the Prudential Committee at their monthly meeting.

6. He shall submit to the Prudential Committee monthly, at their stated meetings, a roll of all persons employed upon the premises, showing how they are employed and their rate of compensation. He shall permit no one, except those entitled thereto by virtue of these regulations, to eat or sleep in or occupy any part of the Hospital premises without express permission from the Prudential Committee.

7. He shall visit every ward at least once a day, to see that the rules are obeyed, and shall make weekly a general inspection of all parts of the Hospital, at which time he shall require all attendants to be at their several posts and remain there until the inspection is concluded. He shall be responsible for the general cleanliness and order of the entire establishment, including the theater, out-buildings and grounds. He shall have the clothing of patients entering, cleansed and disinfected if necessary. He shall be responsible for the safety of the Hospital property, furniture, bedding, etc., keeping an inventory of the same, and semi-annually shall take an account of stock. He shall see that books given in the Hospital for the use of the patients are not lost or destroyed, and shall instruct the orderly to keep the names of patients borrowing books and see to their safe return. He shall see that the attendants are properly instructed in regard to their respective duties in case of an alarm of fire.

8. He shall see that the outer doors are locked at a reasonable hour, every evening, and all the buildings properly secured at night.

9. When a patient is dangerously ill, he shall notify (if possible) some relation or friend. If the patient desires to converse with a clergyman or religious person, he shall invite the person desired to attend, and while such person is present shall see that proper decorum is observed.

10. On the decease of a patient, the Superintendent shall cause the body to be removed, as soon as conveniently may be, to the dead-house, and there safely kept until delivered to the friends or those responsible for its interment.

11. When any articles of value or other effects are left by a deceased patient, the Superintendent shall cause them to be labelled with the patient's name and date of his decease, and hold them for the action of the Prudential Committee.

12. When a patient is discharged or dies, the Superintendent shall cause the fact to be recorded in the Register, mentioning the patient's condition (whether cured, relieved, etc.), if discharged, along with any circumstances attending his departure which might influence his future admission.

13. If any of the officers, nurses or attendants shall violate the regulations, or be guilty of any misconduct, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to report the facts in writing to the Prudential Committee.

The Superintendent is expected to co-operate with the Head Nurse in her efforts for the comfort of the patients and well being of the Hospital, and to give due weight to her suggestions concerning these matters.

XII.—Of the *Head Nurse*.

The Head Nurse shall receive the patients from the Superintendent, and arrange them in the places assigned by the House Physician. She shall be responsible to the Medical Staff for the care of the sick and wounded, shall direct in the housekeeping of the Hospital in all that pertains to the administration of the wards, to the preparation of the special diet, and to the work of the linen-closets.

She shall take charge of all private donations of clothing and delicates, and distribute them to the patients, under the directions of the House Medical Officers; keeping a list of articles, with names of donors.

She shall make requisitions upon the Superintendent and Housekeeper for such things as she may require in the discharge of her duties; such requisitions to be entered in a book, and in all cases to be laid before the members of the Prudential Committee weekly, to be examined and countersigned.

Beyond this, she shall be responsible to the Committee of the Training School for the instruction of the Paup Nurses, and the carrying out of all orders received from this Committee concerning the proper object of the school.

XIII.—Of the *Housekeeper*.

1. The Housekeeper shall be appointed by the Superintendent, subject to the approval of the Prudential Committee. She shall superintend the

housekeeping of the Hospital: direct the servants in their work of keeping clean the wards and hall-floors, walls, paint, still-cases, closets, sinks, bath-rooms, etc.: direct the work of the laundry and mending-room; oversee the cooking of food for the officers and pupil-nurses, and of the house diet for the patients; and shall be responsible for the faithful performance of these duties to the Superintendent and Head Nurse.

Note A.—Bath-rooms, water-closets and sinks to be cleaned, aired and disinfected daily.

Note B.—Ward-floors and window-sills to be swept and dusted daily, and washed once a week: shined when necessary.

Note C.—Staircases and halls to be swept daily, and washed once a week.

Note D.—Windows and glass-doors to be washed at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Note E.—The Housekeeper will keep a daily record in the store-room of all articles received by her from the Superintendent, and issued by her to the kitchen.

Laundry.

2. All articles of bed or body clothing, bandages, etc., in use in the fever-wards in the surgery, and in surgical cases, shall be sent to the laundry as soon as changed, and put immediately in soak: bandages and rags by themselves, with a disinfectant.

Bed-linen, towels and clothing in ordinary cases, shall be changed throughout once a week—*unless* when necessary, and the soiled clothes sent to the laundry at once.

Washing for the officers, pupil-nurses and family shall go to the laundry on Monday. Other washing reserved in the laundry closets for the rest of the week.

Duplicate lists of clothing for the wash shall be made, one in each ward. In the Men's wards, the male nurse shall count over the clothing, and make it into bundles for the wash, in the presence of the Pupil Nurse, who shall take the lists of the same. In the Women's wards, this duty shall be performed by the female servant, superintended by the Pupil Nurse.

The Housekeeper is responsible for the clothing from the time it leaves the wards until it is returned to the ward-linen closets.

Note.—All the articles, when washed, ironed and aired, shall be sent to a room set apart for the purpose, and known as the Mending-room, where the Housekeeper, with proper assistants, shall look them over, have all needed mending done; substitute whole articles for those needing repairs, and return to the ward-linen closets clothing and bedding corresponding to the lists of those sent to the wash. Bandages will be rolled and sent to the Dispensary, as also clean rags.

The Housekeeper shall make a soap of lumps, wear and tear, etc., of bedding, towels, clothing, etc., keeping a book for this purpose in the Mending-room, and shall present the same quarterly to the Superintendent.

She shall see that all clothing of patients sent to the laundry is properly marked, so as to ensure its safe return.

XIV.—*Hospital Attendants.*

1. Hospital attendants shall be employed by the Superintendent, with the approval of the Prudential Committee, in such numbers as the services of the Hospital may require.

2. They shall be under the control of the Superintendent, and of the heads of the several departments in which they may be employed.

3. As far as practicable, they shall have assigned to them their regular duties, but will be expected to yield willing obedience to any reasonable requirements.

4. They shall give at least one week's notice to the Superintendent of their intention to leave the service of the Hospital, and may require the same notice when discharged, unless they may be dismissed for misconduct.

5. They shall not leave the Hospital without the permission of the Superintendent, who shall assign them their regular hours of duty and recreation. They shall respect all orders received from the Housekeeper and Head Nurse.

6. Those assigned to the wards as nurses shall attend to the general order of the ward, daily policing and weekly washing, and the care of the dining-room. In the women's wards the Housekeeper shall appoint a woman servant to do this work. It shall be the duty of all attendants to consider the comfort of the patients, and to behave themselves with proper respect and decorum at all times.

7. No officer, nurse, or other attendant, shall receive any compensation, gift, or sequent, from any patient, unless authorized to do so by the Prudential Committee, through the Superintendent. Any male nurse may be suspended for cause by the Attending Physician or Surgeon, until his case can be acted upon by the Prudential Committee. Any complaint against the hospital nurses shall be addressed by the Attending Physician to the Head Nurse, and reported by her to the Committee of the Training School. Dissatisfaction with the Head Nurse shall be reported to this Committee by the Physician.

8. The names of convalescents fit for light duty, who do not pay full board, shall be reported to the Superintendent each day by the House Physician or House Surgeon, and passed on the office for the information of the Head Nurse and Housekeeper, who shall have the right to call upon such persons for service in wards or dressing-rooms.

9. There shall be an orderly appointed as Housekeeper, and to collect the prescriptions and orders for the Dispensary and office, and return them to the wards at the proper hours; also, to give out books from the Library and note to whom they are issued.

XV.—*Visitors.*

Visitors shall be admitted to the Hospital on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, between the hours of 2½ and 4½ p. m. They shall give no position or statement to any patient without permission from the medical officer of the ward.

XVI.—*The Admission of Patients.*

1. Cases of great urgency shall be admitted to the Hospital at any hour of the day or night.

2. Other patients will be admitted between 9 o'clock, a. m., and 3 o'clock, p. m. They must apply in person at the office of the Hospital, when they will be examined and admitted by one of the Medical Staff, subject to approval by the Prædential Committee. If unable to apply in person, they shall be visited at their homes by one of the Medical Staff.

3. No patient suffering from any contagious or infectious disease shall be admitted, nor any leprotic.

4. There shall be posted in the office daily the number of vacant beds, free and paid, for the information of the Examining Physician.

5. Application for the admission of patients living out of the city should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, which certificate, with the application, will be referred to the Prædential Committee.

XVII.—*Rules for Patients.*

1. All patients, on admission to the Hospital, shall, unless forbidden by the House Physician or House Surgeon, before being assigned a bed, be sent to the bath-room, washed from head to foot, and furnished with clean clothing from their own or from Hospital stores. If necessary, their hair shall be cut.

All patients able to leave their beds will wash themselves in the ward bath-rooms and comb their hair, immediately upon getting up in the morning.

Every patient is expected to bathe the whole person once a week, unless otherwise ordered by the Attending Physician or Surgeon. It will be the duty of the men and women nurses in their respective wards to enforce this rule.

2. Patients must take off their hats in the wards, and their boots and shoes before lying down, and will be responsible for the neat appearance of their beds when not occupied during the day, and of their tables and window-shelves.

3. Patients admitted to the Hospital are forbidden to use profane or indecent language; to express immodest or imbecil sentiments; to play at any game for money; to smoke tobacco in the House, except in places provided for smoking, or to procure for themselves any intoxicating liquors.

4. No patient shall be allowed to have any books, pamphlets or newspapers of an immodest or indecent nature.

5. No male patient shall go into any of the women's wards, or any female patient into any of the men's wards.

6. No patient shall enter the dead-house, engine-room, kitchen, laundry, theatre, or any of the attendance rooms, except by permission of the Surgeon-in-charge or other officers of the House.

7. Every patient not forbidden by the Physician shall take the outside air either in the grounds or on the piazza (weather permitting) each day. The nurses will enforce this rule in cold weather as near noon as possible. When desiring to go beyond the Hospital bounds, patients must obtain a card from the Attending Physician or Surgeon, at his morning round, stating that he has no objections, which card, when countersigned by the Superintendent, will serve them as a pass, and will be valid for the day it is given, but must be returned to the doorkeeper when the patient returns.

8. In exercising out of doors, patients will confine themselves to the graded walks and not intrude upon the grass or cultivated grounds.

No fruit or vegetables shall be taken from the trees, vines or grounds, without permission of the Superintendent.

XVIII—*Wards.*

1. No bundles, carpet-bags, baskets or other baggage, will be allowed in the wards. All clothing, not in actual use, will be locked up in the ward closet.

2. No clothing of any kind will be allowed under the pillows, or tacked about the beds or window-sills. Towels must be hung in their appointed places. No packages of provisions or fruit will be allowed anywhere in the wards. Supplies sent by friends for special patients will be taken care of by the nurse of the ward.

3. No newspapers will be allowed spread over the bed-tables, and no accumulation of old papers and magazines will be allowed on the window-sills and tables.

4. Great care must be taken that nothing shall be thrown into bath tubs, basins, sinks or closets which can clog the drains. Daily sweeping will be begun in the bath-rooms, and the litter brushed through the ward into the entry, and immediately taken up.

5. Rags used for dressing wounds, and too much soiled to go to the laundry, will be immediately carried down stairs and buried, or burned in the open air. No articles of any kind, clothing, towels, bandages or rags will on any account be washed out at the laundry.

6. No ward shall be left unattended; when the nurse is necessarily absent, a substitute (nurse, doctor or assistant) shall be on duty for the time and shall answer the call of the patients.

7. The watchman shall commence his duty at 9 p. m. and pass hourly through the men's wards until 6 a. m. Shall put out all unnecessary lights, preserve order in the convalescent ward, and give such assistance as he may be asked for by any nurse on duty.

XIX—*Meals.*

1. The Medical officers, head nurse, pupil nurses, housekeeper and apothecary will have one mess, taking their meals by themselves.

2. The superintendent and family may have one mess, taking their meals by themselves. Both these tables will be served and provided in the same manner.

3. Employees and patients on house diet will be served alike, and all others according to the directions of the medical board.
4. All patients able to leave their beds will take their meals in the ward dining rooms.
5. All orders for special diet will be promptly filled, and the articles sent up on the lift neatly served.

At the last annual meeting of the Society, the office of Head Nurse was created and the department of nursing transferred to the "Connecticut Training School for Nurses." The school entered on its duties early in October last, and since that time has had charge of this department.

In the construction of the building particular attention has been given to the ventilating and heating apparatus and to the water supply. The best materials have been used and the best mechanical skill employed, and all matters of detail have been carefully considered. It is believed that the whole structure and its appointments will compare favorably with any modern hospital.

The building committee, consisting of Drs. Daggett, Lindsley, and Jewett, and Messrs. James E. English and H. M. Welch, have devoted much of their valuable time to their duties. They were, at the outset of the enterprise, able to secure the gratuitous services of Mr. Nelson Hotchkiss as superintendent of construction. From the commencement of the building, Mr. Hotchkiss has given to the work his time and attention, and it is to his care, judgment, and practical knowledge that the society is largely indebted for the successful completion of the work. The entire cost of the building and furniture has been \$37,233.99.

The patients received into the Hospital consist of the following classes:

1. Sailors, whose support is provided for from the Marine Hospital fund, who are admitted on the order of the Collector of the port of New Haven.
2. Persons who are able and willing to pay for their own support, who resort to the Hospital on account of the superior accommodations which they can obtain at a moderate rate, or those from a distance who visit it for the purpose of submitting to surgical operations and treatment. The

amount charged to such patients is intended to be only sufficient to meet their necessary expenses. The number of this class is yearly increasing.

5. Those persons who are destitute and are supported gratuitously. To provide for this large class, the annual appropriation of the State of two thousand dollars, a trifling allowance from towns for their poor, and the scanty income from the Society's permanent fund—which will soon be exhausted to complete the new building—are the only reliance.

The number of applicants of this class for hospital relief increases annually, as the city grows larger, beyond all proportion to the number of any other class.

6. Soldiers. Soon after the close of the late war, the State made an appropriation, which has been continued annually, for the maintenance of sick or wounded soldiers, who were honorably discharged from Connecticut regiments which had served in the war of the rebellion.

Besides the above named, there is a constantly increasing class, the victims of accident on the street, on the different railroads, or the various manufacturing establishments in the city and its vicinity. A large number of these are homeless men and women, poor in purse, who are frequently maintained during their stay in the Hospital without any compensation whatever to the Institution.

This class of patients are always admitted immediately on their application without the ceremony of a permit, provided they are taken to the Hospital from the place where the accident occurred.

L. D. WILCOXSON,	} <i>Prudential Committee.</i>
D. L. BAGGETT,	
W. S. CHARNLEY,	

KNIGHT HOSPITAL.

In April, 1862, at a special meeting of the Directors of the Society, in consequence of the war of the Rebellion, and the necessity for accommodations for sick and wounded soldiers, it was voted to offer accommodations at the Hospital for such soldiers as the Surgeon General U. S. A. might direct to send. A communication was sent to the Surgeon General through our member of Congress, Hon. J. E. English. Through his kind coöperation the offer was accepted, conditioned upon there being a necessity to make use of the Hospital.

In May, 1862, the writer was employed by the Surgeon General as Contract Surgeon to take charge of the soldiers sent to the Hospital. Very soon after this an order was sent to him to accept the offer of the Society at the rate of \$3.50 per week for each soldier cared for in the Hospital; the Directors to furnish all food, medicine, medical and surgical attendance and quarters; the surgeon in charge only to be paid by the government; and to make immediate preparations for the receipt of 250 sick and wounded soldiers. Application was made to the Legislature, then in session, for aid in the erection of buildings. Three thousand dollars was at once appropriated. With this a large building was erected. Before its completion the sick and wounded arrived. This was on the 2d day of June, 1862. A transport arrived with 250 sick and wounded from the battle of Fair Oaks. They were accommodated in the old Hospital building and in tents furnished by the State and hired by the Society. Soon other sick and wounded began to arrive. A necessity was apparent for more buildings. The Legislature was again called upon, and fifteen thousand dollars was appropriated for buildings and furniture. Several buildings were erected, sufficient to accommodate about 500 men. Other buildings for offices, &c., were also constructed. The physicians and surgeons in attendance consisted of the regular Hospital staff and such

others of the City as volunteered their services. The contract with the Society continued until the spring of 1863. In November, 1862, an order was received from the Surgeon General to terminate the contract with the Society as soon as it could be done without injury, and hire that portion of the grounds on which the temporary buildings were situated, and place the Hospital entirely under the control of the Surgeon General. At this time the Surgeon in charge received his commission as Surgeon of Volunteers. The Directors voted to lease the grounds to the government at the rent of \$1000 per year. In April, 1863, the contract was closed, and the Military Hospital entered on an independent existence. This continued for several months, when it was thought expedient to enlarge the Hospital. An offer was made and accepted in lease, by the government, the Hospital building and the remainder of the grounds. The Directors accepted the offer and made immediate arrangements to move to another location. A large building was purchased on Whalley ave., additions erected, and the State Hospital removed to the new location. The old Hospital building was occupied by the Surgeon in charge for offices and quarters for the officers on duty at the Hospital. At this time a necessity existed for larger accommodations for sick and wounded soldiers, as the Governor of the State had received the consent of the Secretary of War to send all Connecticut soldiers who were proper subjects for Hospital treatment and able to bear transportation to the Hospital at New Haven. The State had refused to make any further appropriations for buildings, and without these the additional number to be sent could not be received. In this emergency the late Governor Buckingham came forward, with his usual liberality when the comfort of our soldiers was at stake, and authorized the Surgeon in charge to erect such additional buildings as he thought necessary, and draw on him for the money to pay the bills. This expenditure amounted to the sum of \$10,000. With the additional buildings the Hospital was increased to 1,500

beds, a much larger institution than was anticipated when the first arrangements were made for 250 patients. Soon after the Hospital was assumed by the Medical Department of the U. S. A., and in accordance with the custom to name all military hospitals after some living member of the profession either in the Army Medical Staff or in civil practice, at the suggestion of the Surgeon in charge the Hospital was called the Knight General Hospital, after the late Jonathan Knight, a tribute of respect to the eminent surgeon, the good man, the exemplary Christian and the perfect gentleman. All who were connected with the Military Hospital when the first detachment of sick and wounded soldiers was received, recollect the enthusiasm and untiring energy he displayed in attending to the call of suffering humanity. He was the first on the grounds and did not leave until every wound was dressed and every patient made comfortable.

On the 1st of December, 1862, a contract was made with Dr. L. D. Wilcoxson as Acting Assistant Surgeon U. S. Army, and he reported for duty on that day. He was assigned as the Executive Officer of the Surgeon in Charge and continued to perform the duties of that office until the order for closing the Hospital was received. He was then transferred to the charge of the Post Hospital at Macon, Ga. During the period of his connection with the Knight Hospital his duties were performed thoroughly and efficiently and to the satisfaction of the officers in charge and all others connected with the Hospital.

The total number of patients treated in the Hospital was 25,340. Total number of deaths, (85: 1) were accidental. This small percentage of mortality is to be attributed to the location of the Hospital. It is situated on an elevated plateau. The soil is dry and sandy. The change to such a location in a northern climate from the influences at work on the sick and wounded in a southern climate, was very marked. Patients began to improve before a diagnosis was made. Another fruitful cause of immediate improvement was the fact with the Connecti-

cut men, that they were in their own State, where, if practicable, they could visit their families and friends, or at least could receive visits from them. The buildings were also so constructed as to give the most perfect ventilation possible—a combination of the shaft and open roof ventilation. The deaths from typhoid fever were 14—cases, 38. No death occurred from Hospital gangrene, Erysipelas or Pyæmia.

No case of gangrene originated at the hospital, but several cases were transferred from hospitals at the south. They all began to improve on their admission to the hospital, and all ultimately recovered. It speaks volumes for the location of the hospital, that such results were attained, when we consider the fact that there were no sewers near the hospital, with which to connect the sinks and water closets. We were forced to depend entirely on cesspools; for convalescents, ordinary privies with shallow vaults. These were kept perfectly free from offensive odor by the frequent use of dry powdered peat. As soon as a cess-pool was filled it was cleaned under the use of deodorizers, and a new one constructed. The bandages from patients with gangrene were burned. The grounds were kept perfectly free from any offensive accumulations. Soon after the surrender of the army of Northern Virginia, early in April, 1865, orders were received from the War Department to close the hospital as soon as the men under treatment and the convalescents could be discharged. This was not accomplished until November, 1865. During this month the hospital property was sold at auction and the buildings turned over to the Quartermaster's Department. I have written at some length on this portion of my subject, as a history of the State Hospital would be far from complete without a history of the Knight General Hospital.

Hartford Hospital.

From the report of the Executive Committee of the Hartford Hospital, it appears that in consequence of "the terrible accident at the car factory in 1854, the citizens of Hartford were first aroused to the importance of a Hospital." It is somewhat strange that they had not before this seen the necessity of hospital accommodations. With a population of at least 30,000 the necessity for hospital accommodations for the sick poor of their city and town must have been apparent to the most superficial observer. But it was, at last, the duty, and I have no doubt the pleasure, of the medical gentleman who composed and presented the report of the executive committee in 1871, Dr. Geo. B. Hawley, to bring the subject to the attention of the citizens of Hartford. The first meeting of citizens was held in May, 1864, when a committee was appointed to prepare a constitution and charter, and report to a subsequent meeting. The charter was submitted to the General Assembly, who, at their May session, 1854, incorporated the Hartford Hospital. The act of incorporation is as follows:

ACT INCORPORATING THE HARTFORD HOSPITAL.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Sec. 1. That David Watkinson, Ebenezer Flower, A. S. Beckwith, S. S. Ward, A. W. Butler, A. M. Collins, Wm. T. Lee, Job Allyn, Samuel Calt, James B. Crosby, Albert Day, Chester Adams, James G. Bolles, George Beach, Thomas Smith, Jonathan Goodwin, A. W. Byge, Lucius Barbour, and Charles T. Hilmyer, and all such persons as [are] from time to time associated with them, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a hospital in the city of Hartford, and their successors, be, and they are hereby are, incorpor-

used for said purpose, and made a body corporate and politic, by the name of the Hartford Hospital, and by that name, shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, and may purchase, take, receive, hold, sell and convey estate, real and personal, to such an amount as may be necessary for the purposes of said corporation; may have a common seal, and the same may alter and change, at pleasure, and may make and execute such by-laws and regulations, not contrary to the laws of this State or of the United States, as shall be deemed necessary for the well ordering and conducting the concerns of said corporation.

SEC. 2. That said corporation shall be governed by the following articles:

ART. 1. This corporation shall be called the Hartford Hospital. Persons contributing for the use of the corporation at any one time the sum of fifty dollars, shall be members for life. Persons contributing the sum of five hundred dollars shall be vice-presidents for life, and also directors for life; those contributing two hundred dollars shall be directors for life; those twenty-five dollars shall be members for two years, and those ten dollars shall be members for one year.

ART. 2. In order the better to carry into effect the object of the said corporation, the members thereof shall, at an annual meeting, to be held at such time and place as the by-laws of the said corporation shall direct and appoint, elect from their own number, by ballot, and by a majority of the votes given at such election, twelve persons as directors of the said corporation; and the persons so elected, together with the mayor of the city of Hartford for the time being, shall constitute a board of directors. The directors so elected shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are elected in their places. In case of any vacancy in the board, the remainder of the directors shall have power to fill such vacancy until the next election.

ART. 3. The board of directors shall, annually, as soon as may be convenient after the said annual election, elect by ballot, from among their own numbers, a president, a vice-president, and shall also elect a secretary and a treasurer, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are elected in their stead. But as many directors may be chosen as there may be directors by subscription.

ART. 4. The said board of directors shall have power to manage and conduct all the business and concerns of the corporation, and to make such laws as may be necessary for the management and disposition of the estate and concerns of the corporation, and to appoint such officers and servants as they may deem necessary. The medical officers, including all attending and consulting physicians and surgeons, shall be appointed annually. Vacancies occurring before the expiration of a year from the date of any appointment, shall be filled by the directors, as soon as the same can conveniently be done.

ART. 5. A majority of the corporation shall call the first meeting for the election of officers, at such time and place in the city of Hartford as they shall appoint, giving three days' notice thereof, by publishing the same in the daily papers of the city; and the annual meeting of said corporation shall be held at such time and place, and on such notice, as shall be fixed by the by-laws of said corporation.

SEC. 3. This act may be altered, amended, or repealed by the General Assembly.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives by General Assembly
unanimously.

That all moneys left in principal, which has been, or may be granted or given to "The Howard Hospital," and by them invested and laid out for the use of said institution, shall with the income thereof, remain exempt from taxation.

Provided, that the proceeds of the donation of said institution shall not be exempt from taxation.

Approved, June 29, 1849.

In 1857 "the corner-stone of the Hospital was laid by the Governor, in the presence of the Legislature" and a large number of the citizens of Hartford. In 1859 the building was completed, and a meeting was held to inaugurate the Hospital. The Hon. T. M. Allyn, Mayor of the city, was chosen as chairman, and opened the exercises with appropriate remarks after prayer by the Rev. R. M. Abercrombie. The remarks of Mayor Allyn were followed by an address from the *father* of the Hospital, Dr. G. B. Hawley, in which he alluded to the history of hospitals from remote antiquity. He stated that hospitals for the care of the sick and wounded originated in the humanizing and heavenly influences of Christianity. After making proper allusions to the hospitals of England and France that were established at an early date, he very properly mentions the two first established in this country: the New York Hospital, founded in 1771, and the Massachusetts General Hospital in 1810, and says, "These institutions are equal in every respect to the best European infirmaries." I cannot do better than to give you the full text of Dr. Hawley's paper, so far as it relates to hospital construction, although it does not fully meet my views on the subject:

"In our heating arrangements we are even superior, and are not inferior in ventilation and general arrangements. Many of the foreign institutions have been enlarged and perfected, as experience has developed the importance of these improvements. Our institutions are planned and constructed with all the improvements in the arrangement of the building, together with the heat-

ing and ventilation, which has been proved to be necessary, through the long experience of European institutions.

We should not only profit by this experience in the construction of hospitals, but we should also learn to govern them, from those that have been successful.

It has been proved by Wendell Phillips that the modern ages, with all of their boasted skill and superiority, have presented but one invention, namely printing, which was not known to the ancients.

The only difference which exalts the moderns so far above the ancients, is that these inventions are known and used by the many, when formerly they were known only to the few.

The same is true in regard to heating and ventilation. Among the most ancient heating arrangements is the Hypocaust, of the ancient Greeks and Romans, which is thus described by Dr. John Watson, in an address delivered at the New York Hospital, February 8, 1851: "Its name is derived from the brick-kiln. The primary construction of the one is essentially the same as that of the other,—both alike consisting of an immense mass of mason work, underlaid with flues, for the diffusion of heat, with no provisions for the withdrawal of smoke or vapor.

The Hypocaust was first employed for heating bathing-rooms and sulatories, but afterwards for warming private dwellings. It was without chimney and without flues, for the transmission of heat to the departments above it, at least during the combustion of fuel.

Its mouth or entrance was at the outer wall, and through this smoke escapes as from the mouth of an oven. The heat imparted to its mass of brick and stone was transmitted by slow conduction through the tile, or marble pavement, to the room above. In some of its more complicated forms, there were concealed flues rising in the wall to the first or second story, but with no outlet at the top. In others these flues, after the fires beneath them had ceased to glow, could be opened by the removal of a lid or cover, and thus they allowed the warm air issuing through them to enter the upper apartments.

These cumbrous furnaces were, of course, subject to frequent leakages. The Emperor Julian, in 331, by a defect in one of them, and the exhalation of vapor through the walls of his chamber, was completely overpowered and his life was only saved by speedily removing him into the open air. His successor, Jovian, in 364, is said to have been suffocated by the fumes of a furnace, while sleeping in a close apartment.

The imperfections of the Hypocaust caused it to be superseded by the *focus* or brazier, which was placed in the center of the room, the smoke and gases escaping through the loopholes in the roof, or through the open windows.

The castles of the English Normans were warmed by the fire placed in deep recesses in the walls, the smoke escaping through the open turrets or windows, until chimneys were invented by the Italians in the early part of the fourteenth century.

The water furnace, which is regarded as of recent invention and is considered at the present time as one of the most admirable means of generating heat, was probably used by the Egyptians in hatching eggs. In the latter part of the past century it was used in France for the same purpose, under the name of the Bohemian Chicken Stove. It was first employed in England by the Marquis Chabannes as early as 1816, and claimed as his own invention. The steam apparatus has been used in its various forms for the purpose of heating buildings, from the time of Mr. Watt, the great improver of the steam engine, even to the present time. As early as 1784-5 it was used for the purpose of heating dwelling houses, by allowing the steam to escape, thus evolving its latent heat. The house of Dr. Withering, of Birmingham, was heated by steam passing through metallic pipes, successfully applied by Boulton, in 1795.

In 1798, Mr. Hoyle, of Halifax, England, obtained a patent for heating by steam pipes, distributed through the different dwelling apartments, in much the same manner as at the present time.

Thus we see our most improved modes of heating have been known for many generations, and the only difference between the modes of heating in the present generation and the past, is that formerly their improvements were known only to the few, but at the present time they are common and in general use.

The appliances for tempering summer heat, and for ventilating buildings, as used by ages that are past, are still more numerous. I shall not describe the many designs for ventilation which have been tested, and which experience has proved unworthy of public attention.

I shall only describe those two forms which at the present time have received the sanction of community, and which are the ones adopted by most of our public institutions.

These two forms are *thermal* and *forced* ventilation. The system of downward thermal, or natural ventilation, was devised in 1826, and was received with great favor by most of our institutions. It was a great improvement on all the past. This form of ventilation consists in introducing fresh air through shafts open at a distance from the building, or through its walls. This cold air being heated by a furnace in the basement, ascends by its own specific gravity being lessened by heat, through appropriate flues, and is admitted into the room near the ceiling. As the air cools in the room, it gradually descends and is received through openings near the floor, and carried off through the foul air flues, which open at the top of the building. Experience has found that this system of drawing off the foul air is insufficient to maintain a healthy atmosphere in the wards of a hospital.

In 1849, Hospital Gangrene compelled the New York Hospital to change from this system of ventilation to one more efficient.

The exhalations of the sick, passing from the body, at first ascend, but they are then forced downwards by descending currents, and are repeatedly inhaled by the patients as they lie near the floor. The system of forced ventilation, as adopted by many of our institutions, is

accomplished by means of a fan, which is caused to rotate by steam power. This is the most efficient means of ventilation in those institutions which employ a steam engine. Any amount of fresh air that is necessary to purify the wards of a hospital, can be forced through the cold air shaft into the hot air chamber in the basement; after being properly heated the same power continues to force the heated air through appropriate flues into the respective wards.

The system of forced ventilation by the means of a fan, was first used in the sixteenth century to force pure air into mines.

In order that we may better comprehend the importance of ventilation, it is necessary to demonstrate the amount of matter which is continually passing from the surface of the body in the form of vapor. The daily amount of pulmonary and cutaneous matter passing off from the lungs and skin is greater than the renal and abdominal discharges. It is demonstrated by an able report, by Joseph M. Smith, M. D., and published by the American Medical Association, 1850, and proved by elaborate experiments, that a healthy adult, of ordinary size, throws off from his lungs and skin every twenty-four hours, about forty ounces of effete matter; of this ten penny-weights is composed of animal matter. From these facts we learn that a family of ten individuals, who are confined about one-half of the time in a badly ventilated room, would in one month throw off in the form of vapor within their dwelling, pulmonary and cutaneous exhalations to the amount of 375 lbs., and in one year, 4,500 lbs. Much of this exhalation is composed of animal matter, which is soon precipitated in the apartments where it is generated.

If we assume this building to accommodate fifty patients, and estimate the same amount of exhalation from the sick as from well persons, then the amount of cutaneous and pulmonary exhalations, every twenty-four hours, would amount to 125 lbs.; in one month it would amount to 3,750 lbs., and in one year to 45,000 lbs. This amount

of effete matter, passing off in the form of vapor, is continually filling the apartments of the well, and to a much greater degree those of the sick. Common air mixed with one-tenth part of these gases is rendered unfit for animal life. The decomposition of this matter is sufficient to account for the many contagious diseases which are continually developed in the crowded and unventilated parts of our cities.

From these seeds of contamination, diseases, when once generated, continue to extend, until not only cities, but whole countries are called to mourn for their numerous dead.

When we apply these principles to the sick, we must consider that they are not only confined to the same apartment night and day, and the amount of exhalation greatly increased from sickness, but that there is a much larger proportion of animal matter contained in these exhalations.

Animal life is supported by continually taking into the lungs a certain amount of air, either pure or vitiated from various causes. This air circulates through the air-cells of the lungs, where it imparts to the blood, through a delicate membrane, the oxygen of the atmosphere; also, any contamination which may be contained in the air, and it takes from the blood its excess of carbon. If the atmosphere inhaled is impure, or impregnated with contagious matter, the blood immediately becoming vitiated, passes through the circulation, and diffuses, through every part of the body, any poisonous matter which may have been contained in the atmosphere.

The amount of blood contained in the veins and arteries of a common-sized adult is about twenty-four pints. This amount of blood passes through the heart and lungs every three minutes. The amount of blood which passes through the lungs of an adult every hour is sixty gals; in twenty-four hours 1,440 gals; in one month 43,200 gals; in one year 518,400, or 8,640 bids. If the same estimate be made for fifty adult persons, which is the capacity of our present building, the amount of blood which passes through their hearts and lungs in one hour is 3,000 gals;

in one day 72,000 gals.; in one year 25,920,000 gals., or 452,000 hhd. of blood.

When we contemplate this river of blood which is flowing through the human system, being restored to healthy action, or impregnated with contamination, as it comes in contact with healthy or vitiated atmosphere, we can form some faint idea of the importance of thorough ventilation.

When we examine the apartments of the sick and destitute, and in many cases of those in the middle ranks of life, we find that their ill-ventilated apartments are sufficient to counteract all benefit which might be received from skillful physicians and faithful nurses.¹

In 1855 the location of the Hospital was selected as a permanent site for the Hospital.

The Hospital is built of free-stone from the quarries in Portland, Conn. In the original ground plan of the Hospital the center building and one wing were only provided for. The center building is 240 feet front by 72 feet deep. "The entrance hall is 12 feet wide and runs directly forward 28 feet, until it meets the center wall, when it turns at right angles to the right and left, until it arrives at the main stairway, which connects the center building to the wings. On either side of the main entrance is the superintendent's room and reception room. The second story is arranged for the convenience of the officers of the institution." The basement in this Hospital is used for culinary purposes, and the general arrangement is the same as the Hospital at New Haven.

When the original plan is completed, there will be four wings, each sufficient to accommodate fifty patients; two wings extending on either side of the center building, 14 feet distant, and connected with the center building by the main stairway. The two other wings will be parallel with the former, fifty feet distant, and connected by a corridor; each wing is 113 feet 6 in. long, and vary in width from 31 feet 6 in. to 44 feet 6 in., two stories high, with seven-foot basement. Connected with the wards is a refectory with necessary appliances, rooms for nurses, a

ward for special cases, closet for the clothing of patients. The water closets are as far removed from the ward as circumstances will permit. Commodious bath rooms are attached to each ward. The building is lighted with gas throughout. Hot and cold water is distributed through the building. In each ward are rooms for private patients. The building is heated with Brown's hot water furnace. It is claimed that this mode of heating is more economical than any other. The ventilators in the wards are so arranged that the foul air of the wards is passed off to the foul air chambers in the attic, where it escapes through the ventilating shaft, heated by steam pipes, for the purpose of making an upward draft. This is, without doubt, a good system of ventilation, being the same in principle as that in use at the New Haven Hospital. Each patient in this Hospital is furnished with 1,417 cubic feet of space when not crowded.

There has been contributed to the Hartford Hospital by the citizens of Hartford, \$280,700.

The site for the Hospital cost \$10,754. The original buildings, including plumbing, heating apparatus, sewerage, &c., cost \$31,417. The receipts of the Hospital since its organization up to 1859 have been \$45,445.05. The subscriptions have been confined mainly to the city and town of Hartford and vicinity. In 1850 the Legislature made an appropriation of \$2,000 to defray the expenses of the sick and indigent at the Hospital from various parts of the State. In 1861 this was made an annual appropriation. Patients are received from all portions of the State at a small compensation. The cost of providing for the poor sick is much greater than all the compensation received from the Legislature. Both the Hospitals at Hartford and New Haven are forced to call on those towns who send patients to the Hospital to bear a portion of the expense. In this way the State appropriation is made to extend its benefits to a much larger number.

As Dr. Hawley says, it is for the economy of the State to continue their interest in our institution. The same

remark will apply with equal force to the New Haven Hospital. The hospitals are both managed without cost, medical and surgical attendance free. With buildings and land for the Hartford Hospital, costing \$188,495.60, with a fund amounting to \$153,500, the income of which can only be used for the current expenses, where the sick are received and provided with every attention that can aid their recovery, and supported for much less than the simple cost of board.

After a full consideration of the matter of beds the managers of this Hospital have adopted the woven wire mattress, with iron frame. These mattresses are cheap and require no covering but blankets to protect the patients from the wire. They are free from vermin, are durable, and never sag or settle.

The length of the center building, with the two wings, is 303 feet, and accommodates 150 patients. The permanent fund of the Hospital amounts to \$153,500. For building purposes, contributed by citizens, \$127,200, making a total, by citizens, of \$280,700, including the permanent fund.

The total number of patients admitted to the Hospital since it was opened, is 4,303; died, 568. Cases of erysipelas, pyemia, gangrene and puerperal fever have occasionally appeared, but not from local causes.

I have thus given a history of both the Hospitals in the State, and am happy to be able to say that they are both meeting the wishes and expectations of those interested in their management. It is earnestly the wish of those connected with these institutions, that our State and citizens will continue to extend their aid to them, and thus enable them to receive all the sick poor who may apply for admission to either Hospital.

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REPORT.



To the Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :

GENTLEMEN :—

Another year of the labors of the Society has closed, and its record is presented to you in the Fiftieth Annual Report.

The annual meetings have heretofore been held in April, but at the last meeting, on April 20th, 1876, it was voted that they should thenceforth be held on the last Thursday in January.

This change was necessary in order to present the annual report to the General Assembly at its January session.

As the fiscal year of the Society ends December 31st, the Report covers the usual length of time.

The number of patients who have been under treatment during the year is 525 : of this number 143 were in the Hospital December 31st, 1875, and 382 have been since received.

The question is sometimes asked, "Do the Surgeons and Physicians who care for these patients receive any compensation for their services?" Probably few in the community realize the amount of valuable time and strength that are here given by some of our most skillful practitioners, for the relief of the sufferers from accident and malady,—and freely given, "without money, and without price." Without these gratuitous services the Hospital would not exist.

Patients have been received from 51 towns, for an aggregate period of 7061½ weeks.

One hundred and ninety-nine charity patients, for a period of 2101½ weeks have been aided by the State provision, and for a portion of this number it has been the only remuneration received.

As the annual appropriation of \$2000 could not meet the urgent demands of the large number who were entitled to share

its aid, application was made for an increase of the amount appropriated. At the session of the General Assembly in June, 1876, this request was granted and the sum of \$3000 was added to the original appropriation.

It was thankfully received by those in charge of the finances of the Hospital, who have so often been in a strait between two,—to refuse admittance to the many seeking for and sorely needing its shelter and care, or, to incur a debt, so harassing and depressing to the best interests of an institution.

The donations made either by public or private charity for the needs of those who seek an asylum in a Hospital, surely yield a ten-fold interest.

The eagerness with which a cot in a ward is asked for, is sometimes touchingly suggestive. There, a stranger among strangers, some of the direst ills of life must be met. And there too, it may be possible to brighten and to bless some of the dark days of a shadowed life.

The special need which has been felt for wards which could be isolated, has been met by the erection of two buildings in cottage form, each 20 by 30 feet in size, of one story, and 14 feet in the clear. They are arranged with special reference to ventilation, and by making connections with the water and sewer pipes in Davenport avenue, they are provided with the needed water supply and drainage. An electric wire running from both pavilions, connects with a bell in the hall of the North wing, and by a system of signals any aid needed can be immediately summoned.

Another building, uniform in size and general appearance, has been erected, and fitted with the necessary appliances for a morgue. We are again indebted to Nelson Hotchkiss, Esq., for valuable services in superintending these and other improvements.

Of the amount expended for repairs, a large proportion was for lightning rods for the protection of the main buildings, involving the use of 2848 feet of copper cable and tubing. All parts of the premises are in good condition, and only a moderate yearly outlay will probably be required to keep them in such condition, for some time to come.

A new arrangement for a water bed, which has been patented

by the Superintendent, Capt. White, has proved to be an exceedingly comfortable one for those who are obliged to keep a recumbent position. It is much better adapted to its purpose than any that has come under our observation.

It is with pleasure that we bear testimony to the harmonious working of all the departments of the Hospital. Patients frequently express their satisfaction with the kindly manner in which they are cared for; and one poor girl, since gone to rest, said to a lady visitor, "I could not be happier, without I was in Heaven."

Our appreciation of the efficiency and faithful labors of the Nurses' School has not diminished, and it is due to the Committee of Managers to recognize the fact, that although a separate organization, in all their arrangements the interest of the Hospital has ever been their first consideration. We congratulate the officers of the school upon the reputation for efficiency of their own and kindred institutions, which is inducing other Hospitals to desire a like auxiliary aid.

To the friends who in various ways have manifested an interest in the Hospital and its inmates, we desire to express our thanks. The Flower Mission did not weary in its good work, but through the heated summer months, until late in the autumn, their weekly offerings furnished a supply of flowers for every ward. To the Hachi-no-on we are indebted for continued interest and valuable donations, and to other societies and friends who have furnished clothing, etc., we can give an assurance that all were most acceptable and timely. The donations for Thanksgiving furnished a generous dinner, marking it a Red-letter day.

A special want for larger cooking conveniences in the Diet Kitchen belonging to the Training School, has been generously supplied by the donation of a valuable range from Mr. Fredwell Ketcham. Although for the particular use of the school, the patients receive the benefits.

By the kindness of E. M. Reed, Esq., Vice President of the consolidated Railroad, a box for the reception of papers, etc., was prepared and placed at the R. R. Depot, and the contributions of travelers have furnished a supply, which is sent twice a week to the Hospital.

Our thanks are especially due to Rev. Wm. G. Andrews for

his long continued and unwearied interest, not only in conducting the service of the Sabbath, but in personal ministrations in the wards,—ever ready to respond to the call of the suffering and the dying, or to administer the sacrament to the little company of those who may never again enter an earthly sanctuary.

Religious services have been held by Mr. Peters and other young gentlemen of the seminary, on Sunday afternoon, in one or more of the wards, and have been very acceptable, particularly to those who have not been able to go to the chapel.

Through all the labors of the year, we have been glad to feel that we had the efficient coöperation of the Board of Visitors, and they have been ever ready to give to us the results of their watchfull oversight.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, December 31, 1875,	124	18	142
Admitted during the year 1876,	299	83	382
Total,	423	102	525
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured,	161	34	195
Improved,	91	35	126
Unimproved,	8	2	11
Died,	38	12	50
	300	84	384
Remaining December 31, 1876,	123	18	141
	423	102	525

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM JAN. 1, 1876, TO JAN. 1, 1877.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
January,	29	6	34
February,	13	4	17
March,	22	4	26
April,	19	7	26
May,	23	10	33
June,	18	9	27
July,	24	9	33
August,	20	6	26
September,	20	6	26
October,	25	5	30
November,	24	5	29
December,	27	8	35
	299	83	382

NAIVITY OF PATIENTS.

United States,	155	Spain,	1
Ireland,	172	Sweden,	1
Germany,	24	Norway,	1
England,	17	Africa,	1
Scotland,	4	Switzerland,	1
France,	3	Haiti,	1
Italy,	1		

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Under 15 years,	9	5	14
From 15 to 20 years,	7	9	16
" 20 to 30 "	36	11	47
" 30 to 40 "	85	17	102
" 40 to 50 "	24	25	49
" 50 to 60 "	12	7	19
" 60 to 70 "	18	6	24
" 70 to 80 "	5	..	5
" 80 to 90 "	1	..	1
	219	81	300

OCCUPATIONS.

Apothecary, 1	Dyer, 1	Meeklands, 8
Axe-maker, 1	Dress-makers, ... 2	Oysterman, 1
Butchers, 3	Expressman, ... 1	Physicians, 2
Blacksmiths, 5	Engineers, 2	Painters, 9
Barbers, 2	Fisherman, 1	Peddlers, 4
Book-keepers, ... 5	Farmers, 8	Policeman, 1
Bakers, 2	Fireman, 1	Printers, 1
Brickman, 1	Gardeners, 5	Seamen, 60
Bar-tenders, 2	Hack-driver, 1	Servants, 60
Carpenters, 6	Harness-makers, ... 8	Shoe-makers, 6
Clerks, 6	House-keepers, ... 7	Soldier, 1
Cabinet-makers, ... 4	Jeweler, 1	Seamstresses, ... 8
Cooks, 5	Laborers, 96	Tailors, 8
Compositors, 2	Laundress, 1	Truckman, 1
Coachmen, 8	Mechanics, 13	Waiters, 8
Cigar-maker, 1	Molders, 4	Wire-drawer, 1
Chiropodist, 1	Masons, 6	
Domestics, 12	Machinists, ... 14	

TOWNS IN CONNECTICUT REPRESENTED IN THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1876.

Ansonia,	Bethany,	Forrestville,
Branford,	Cheshire,	Groton,
Brookfield,	Collinsville,	Hartford,
Bridgeport,	Derby,	Hamden,
Broadbrook,	Deep River,	Huntington,
Birmingham,	East Haven,	Meriden,
Berlin,	Ellington,	Milford,

Moodus,	North Haven,	Unionville,
Middletown,	Orange,	Waterbury,
New Haven,	Portland,	Winsted,
New London,	Rockville,	Wallingford,
Norwalk,	Ridgefield,	West Haven,
Naugatuck,	Stamford,	Watertown,
Norwich,	Southington,	Westbrook,
New Britain,	Stratford,	Westport,
Niantic,	Thompsonville,	Wethersfield,
New Milford,	Thomaston,	Yalesville.

Charity patients,	199
Self-paying "	19
Soldier "	212
Sailor "	35
	<hr/> 365

Number of weeks Charity patients were supported,	2,101½
" " Self-paying "	274½
" " Soldier "	4,454½
" " Sailor "	206½
	<hr/> 7,097½

Greatest number of patients on any day,	165
Least number on any one day,	116
The daily average has been	120

DISEASES TREATED FROM JAN. 1, 1876, TO JAN. 1, 1877.

Abortion,	1	Anthraxis,	3
Abscess, abdominal walls,	3	Asthma,	3
" axilla,	1	Bride compassion,	1
" knee,	1	Bright's disease,	6
" perineal,	1	Bronchitis,	24
" rectal,	1	Bubo,	5
" renal,	1	Burn,	1
" thigh,	1	Calculus, biliary,	1
Alcoholism,	5	" vesical,	2
Anemia,	1	Cataract,	6
Anasarca,	1	Chancroids,	4
Anchylolysis,	2	Cholera morbus,	2

Chorea,	2	Heart, hypertrophy,	3
Colic,	2	" valvular disease,	8
Conjunctivitis,	5	Hemiplegia,	5
Constipation,	2	Hernia,	6
Contusion,	1	Hip-joint disease,	6
Cystitis,	3	Hysteria,	1
Debility,	20	Impacted feces,	1
Deformity maxilla,	1	Incontinence of urine,	1
Diabetes mellitus,	1	Injury, back,	1
Diarrhea,	8	" base of brain,	1
Dislocation, shoulder,	1	" elbow,	1
" thumb,	2	" internal,	2
" vertebra,	1	" railroad,	1
Dysentery,	1	" scalp,	2
Dyspepsia,	4	" spine,	1
Emphysema,	2	Insolation,	2
Enteritis,	1	Iritis,	1
Epithymitis,	1	Keratitis,	1
Epilepsy,	6	Laryngitis,	1
Erysipelas,	4	Lead paralysis,	1
Erythema,	1	" poisoning,	2
Febriola,	2	Leucorrhœa,	2
Felon,	2	Liver, cirrhosis,	1
Fever, intermittent,	14	" fatty,	1
Fistula, anal,	2	" functional disease,	1
" perineal,	2	Locomotor ataxia,	1
" vesico-vaginal,	1	Melancholia,	8
Fracture, femur,	4	Meningitis,	1
" forearm,	2	Mercurial poisoning,	1
" humerus,	2	Necrosis, femur,	2
" leg,	7	" phalanges,	1
" metacarpus,	1	" tibia,	1
" patella,	1	Neuralgia,	1
Gall duct, occlusion,	1	Opacity of cornea,	1
Gastralgia,	3	Ophthalmia,	2
Gastric ulcer,	1	Opium poisoning,	1
Gastritis,	4	Orethritis,	1
Glaucoma,	2	Paraplegia,	8
Gonorrhœa,	5	Pemphigus,	1
Hæmoptysis,	3	Peritonitis,	1
Heart dilatation,	1	Pharyngitis,	2

Phlebitis,	2	Tonsillitis,	4
Pituitis,	39	Tumors, carcinomatous,	8
Pleurisy,	2	" epithelial,	10
Pleuro-pneumonia,	2	" fatty,	1
Pneumonia,	4	" fibro-cystic,	1
Pregnancy,	11	" fibroid, of uterus,	1
Puerperal septicæmia,	1	" ovarian,	7
Retroversion of uterus,	1	" schænceous,	1
Rheumatism,	42	Ulcer, cornea,	1
Rhus poisoning,	1	" hip,	2
Sciatica,	3	" indolent,	2
Scurlity,	4	" rectal,	1
Spinal curvature,	1	" varicose,	14
Sprained ankle,	2	Varicocele,	1
" shoulder,	2	Varicose veins,	2
" wrist,	2	Wounds, artery,	1
Staphylococci,	1	" back,	1
Stricture, rectal,	1	" cornea,	1
" urethral,	2	" eyelid,	3
Synovitis,	1	" face,	1
Syphilis, primary,	1	" gashot,	1
" secondary,	1	" lower extremities,	3
" tertiary,	11	" scalp,	1
Tetis,	1	" upper extremity,	11

OPERATIONS.

Amputation, arm,	1	Operation for hemorrhoids,	1
" fingers,	5	" Liebicht's,	6
" hand,	2	" vesico-vaginal fistula,	1
" limbs,	1	Paracentesis of knee-joint,	1
" leg,	1	Plastic operations,	3
" penis,	2	Removal of foreign substance,	1
" toe,	1	Removal of tumors—	
Circumcision,	1	epithelial,	1
Excision of eye,	2	fibro-cystic,	1
Excision of breast,	2	schænceous,	1
Iridectomy,	2	uterine fibroid,	1
Ligation of brachial artery,	1	Section sclero-corneal,	1
Lithotomy,	1	Truotomy,	1
Operation for abscess,	2		

NUMBER OF BURNS.

Male,	7
Female,	4
Total,	11

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Abscess of femur,	1	Hip-joint disease,	1
Alcoholism,	1	Infantile eclampsia,	1
Aneurism, thoracic,	1	Meningitis,	1
Bright's disease,	4	Paraplegia,	1
Carcinoma of lungs,	1	Peritonitis,	1
Caries of hip,	1	Phthisis,	16
Dysentery,	1	Pneumonia,	4
Erysipelas,	2	Puerperal fever,	1
Euteritis,	1	Scalding,	1
Fibroid tumor,	1	Tetanus,	1
Fracture of vertebra,	1		
Heart disease, valvular,	1	Total,	45

RECEIPTS AND EARNINGS.

Cash on hand, as per last year's Report,	\$145.53
From State of Connecticut,	3,500.00
Soldier patients,	29,825.72
Marine "	2,191.75
Charity "	2,473.68
Self-paying	1,282.50
Interest on Note, City of New Haven,	1,233.33
Sale of Live Stock, &c.,	265.35
A friend, for Thanksgiving,	50.00
H. T. Blake, "	5.00
Third Congregational Church,	1.00
A. H. Cargill, donation,	25.00
Hubbard Williams, donation,	25.00
	<hr/> 43,548.86
Part payment on New Haven City Note,	5,000.00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries and Wages,	\$8,137.91	
Flour, Bread, Butter, Cheese, &c., ..	5,599.48	
Meat, Fowls, and Fish,	5,869.46	
Vegetables, Fruit, and Liquors,	2,142.60	
Groceries, Eggs, Milk, Soap, &c.,	5,490.41	
Medicines and Instruments,	1,511.54	
Fuel, Gas, Water, and Ice,	3,650.25	
Furniture, Clothing, Bedding, and Crockery, ..	1,141.45	
Printing Semi-Centennial History, Report 1874, Postage, &c.,	472.92	
Barn expenses and Live Stock,	265.42	
Trees, Seeds, Fertilizers, and Tools,	182.26	
Insurance,	249.00	
Miscellaneous,	97.67	
Refunded to Patients,	159.32	
Burial expenses,	93.25	
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New Buildings, Improvements and Repairs,	8,245.29	
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		46,913.22
Balance to new account,	1,435.64	
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		\$48,348.86
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By Balance, Cash, and Bills Receivable,	\$1,435.64	

FREE BED FUND.

New Haven City Note, on demand,	\$15,000.00
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DONATIONS RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL FROM JAN. 1, 1876, TO
JAN. 1, 1877.

Books and Magazines.

Mrs. Dr. Chapman, six bound volumes, magazines, and photographs.

Miss Mary Shipman, twelve bound volumes.

Mrs. A. D. Osburn, magazines and illustrated papers.

Miss O. C. Hochkiss, magazines.

Mr. F. T. Jannan, papers.

Clothing, Linen, &c.

From the "Hachino-on," a valuable rolling-chair for Ward 2, East, nine chemises, three pair drawers, two night-dresses, twelve infants' shirts.

From "Our Society," three hospital shawls, seven chemises, five night-dresses, five infants' slips, five infants' shirts, two infants' flannel skirts, four infants' skirts, four napkins.

A friend, two wool wrappers, seven surgical shirts.

Miss M. B. Townsend, package of clothing, linen and cotton.

Mrs. J. Babcock, three shirts, two night-shirts, cotton and linen.

Mrs. Hadley, five night-shirts, linen and cotton.

Unknown, package of clothing and cotton.

Mrs. F. Ives, package of shirts.

A friend, package of clothing.

Miss H. Oaks, package of under-clothing and dressing-gown, cotton and linen.

Mrs. M. F. Tyber, package of under-clothing and dressing-gown.

Mrs. C. A. Ingersoll, shirts and men's clothing.

Rev. S. M. Whitney, package of clothing.

Miss C. Hall, dressing-gown, shirts, &c.

A friend, package of clothing.

Mrs. E. A. Hall, dressing-gown and two pair men's slippers.

Gen. S. E. Merwin, Jr., twenty-five blouses.

Mrs. Pardee, four sheets, three night-gowns, two chemises.

Unknown, one pair men's slippers.

Mrs. John D. Wheeler, seven pair wool drawers, three wool socks, one cloak, one pair wool wristlets.

T. C. Ingersoll, two pair wool drawers, one wool wrapper, three pair cotton drawers, eleven pair stockings, six pair cuffs.

A friend, two wool wrappers.

H. W. Mansfield, package of shirts, cotton and linen.

Packages of linen and cotton from Mrs. Carnan, Mrs. H. N. Lyman, Miss M. Shipman, Mrs. W. B. Pardee, Mrs. Henry Ketten-
dorf, Mrs. Prof. Sumner, H. N. Noyes, and unknown donors.

Packages of linen, cotton, magazines, papers, &c., from anonymous donors, through the kindness of Klock & Gesmer, Dr. C. B. Whittlesey, and H. W. Mansfield.

From Mrs. Larned and Mrs. R. McKen, New London, Conn., eight sheets, one pair gillow-cases, two quilts, one comfortable, two chemises, two night-dresses.

Miss Ireland, Bridgeport, package of clothing, linen and cotton.

Miscellaneous.

Miss Elliott, oranges.

Mrs. Porter, fruit.

Mrs. E. M. Reed, basket of fruit.

Mrs. B. Everitt, basket of fruit.

Mr. Fellowes, basket of fruit.

Mr. N. Hotchkiss, fruit and flowers.

Mrs. E. C. Read, fruit and flowers.

From the "Flower Mission," a large number of bouquets every week from June to November.

Fruit and flowers from other friends.

Mrs. William Spencer, one pair crutches.

Mrs. Frederic Ives, one second-hand carpet.

A friend, one dozen fans.

Mr. T. Ketchum, a valuable range for diet kitchen.

Sewing by Mrs. Charles Tyler.

Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Wm. Larned, one turkey and cranberries.

Mr. J. H. Bax, three turkeys.

Dr. Leavenworth, one turkey.

Miss Lillie Parker, one turkey.

Dr. Bishop, two turkeys.

Mr. Wm. Armstrong, one turkey.

Mrs. G. W. Staples, one turkey.

Mr. H. N. Whittlesey, one turkey.

Mr. Robert Morgan, one turkey.

Dr. W. Bradley, one turkey.

Twitchell & Thompson, one loaf cake, and doughnuts.
 Mr. Ferguson, one peck apples.
 Miss Elliott, two packages of biscuit, and cake.
 Mr. H. Farnum, \$50.00.
 Mr. H. T. Blake, \$5.00.
 Miss C. E. Collins, \$3.00 for comforts for the sick.

WILLIAM FITCH,	{	<i>Presidential Committee</i>
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Protestant Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :

GENTLEMEN :—The Board of Visitors have the honor of presenting their fifth bi-monthly report, which the new date of the annual meeting of the Society makes the last for the current year.

The Hospital has been visited carefully since the date of the last annual report by committees of two. An effort has been made to render this visitation still more complete and thorough than heretofore. Every part of the establishment with which the patients, and through them, the public at large, are concerned, has been regularly and frequently inspected. That confidence in the management of the institution which long and careful observation has inspired, has not been permitted to interfere with efforts to discover such defects as might exist. The result has been to furnish new proofs of the determination of the Hospital authorities to bring the institution as nearly as possible to absolute perfection, both in administration and appointments. This determination, steadily adhered to in the face of the discouragement occasioned by resources until recently inadequate, deserves special recognition. What has been done could not have been done but for the voluntary assumption by those to whom the task of oversight has been committed, of additional responsibilities. It belongs to the community which they have served with such disinterested and large-hearted zeal to divide the burden with them more equitably, and to enable them with somewhat less of personal sacrifice to render the double evil of poverty and disease more endurable. As long as our civilization is controlled by the influences which chiefly distinguish it from those of antiquity, and which, as is commonly believed, have made it so much nobler and stronger than they were, the obligation and expediency of free-handed though

discriminating charity will be taken for granted. And if it shall ever become our theory that society ought to get rid of its useless members instead of taking care of them, the moral effect upon the useful members will totally change the aspect of modern life, if it does not speedily reverse that process of development by which brutes are said to become men. At present, however, there is the utmost readiness to applaud sacrifices made for the good of others, and no very apparent disposition to close the doors of hospitals. But it is important that sacrifices be shared as well as applauded, and the growing habit of allowing a few to carry what should be a common burden does not promise well for the permanence either of our benevolent institutions or of the sentiments and principles which they embody.

The Training School has been found, as heretofore, an invaluable auxiliary. The Hospital, by the aid of its corps of pupil-nurses, is able to do its proper work far better, while it is helping at once to furnish the sick outside its walls with such care as even wealth could not otherwise command, and to give new dignity and attractiveness to a calling in which feminine gifts are employed so usefully. The higher skill and intelligence which will now be looked for in what has always been, in point of importance, a coordinate branch of the healing art must go far to make it such in other respects, and may open to young women a career quite as creditable as that of the female physician.

The Hospital, thus complemented by the Training School, seems entitled to even more than its old share of public confidence, and to the appropriate expression of that larger confidence in more generous endowments.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. ATWATER,
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FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

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OF CONNECTICUT

FOR THE YEAR 1877.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 31st, 1878.

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Test. I give and bequeath to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, in the City of New Haven, the sum of dollars, to be paid by my executors, out of my real or personal estate, as soon as the settlement of my affairs will permit, to the Treasurer of said Institution for the time being, in trust, to be applied by the Directors thereof to the humane purposes of said Institution.

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A donation of \$300 entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed for one year.

A donation of \$500 constitutes the contributor a life Director.

A donation of \$50 makes the donor a life member, and \$25 a member for ten years.

FREE BED FUND.

HENRY FAUNAM,	\$5,000.00
WM. FITCH,	5,000.00
JAMES E. ENGLISH,	5,000.00

PERMANENT FUND.

IRENE LARNED FUND.	\$5,000.00
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, respectfully present to the Society their fifty-first Annual Report, as prepared by the Prudential Committee and adopted by the Directors.

During the year the friends of the hospital have been called to mourn the death of Hon. William Fitch, one of the Directors, one of the State Commissioners, and the Vice-President of the Society. To generous pecuniary gifts in aid of the hospital he added the unsparing devotion of personal service, having been chairman of the Prudential Committee for several years, during a period in the history of the hospital when its affairs required the expenditure of more time and thought than are necessary in ordinary years. He retired from this position a year ago on account of failing health, and a few weeks afterward entered into rest from all the labors of earth. Since his death in April, the Directors, and especially the Prudential Committee, have deeply felt the loss of the wise counsel which his constitutional wisdom and long experience enabled him to impart.

Mrs. Irene Larned preceded Mr. Fitch a few days in passing through the gate of death. Having been for a long time interested in the hospital, she felt a deep concern on account of its financial difficulties, occasioned by the action of the General Assembly of the State just before her death, expressing her sympathy in a written communication addressed to the President of the Society, and in her will by a bequest untrammelled with any conditions to diminish its immediate usefulness.

In April, the hospital began to experience the effect of the new regulations established by the Legislature respecting the admin-

sion and retention of soldier patients; none being admitted after that month unless they needed treatment on account of sickness or disability received in the war, and the rate of payment for those under treatment being reduced to \$5 per week.* These changes, with the reduction of the annual appropriation for charity patients, has reduced the amount received into the treasury of the hospital from the treasury of the State more than \$5,000 per quarter. The full effect of this action of the State will not be seen in the report of receipts and disbursements for the present fiscal year, because it had not begun to operate in the first quarter and did not complete its efficiency till the year was half spent. Henceforth the income of the hospital from ordinary sources may be estimated at \$20,000 instead of \$43,548.86 as it was in 1876. The expenses, therefore, ought to be reduced to that figure, and the Prudential Committee began, as soon as the reduction of income commenced, to reduce expenses in every way which a close study of economy could discover. Their first essay was to manufacture on the premises, the soap used in the laundry and for cleansing the buildings. The Committee think that about half the amount of the soap bills is saved by the new arrangement. Their next attempt in favor of frugality was to reduce the pay-roll. This was done to some extent at the beginning of the second quarter, and as the number of patients grew less, was repeated, till by employing fewer persons and diminishing the wages of those retained, the monthly pay-roll has been diminished from \$600 to \$400. The reduction in the number of patients having made it unnecessary to keep all the wards open, the closing of three wards has not only reduced the pay-roll, but saved fuel and gas.

The change in favor of frugality involved the necessity of changing superintendents, and Capt. George M. White having

* The section which prescribes the terms of admission and the rate of payment reads as follows: "Whenever any discharged soldier, who was credited upon the quota of this State during the war of the rebellion, and who is a resident of this State, requires surgical or medical treatment on account of wounds received in said war, or on account of sickness or disability contracted while in the service, or who is wholly or partially disabled by reasons thereof, shall be placed as a patient in the Hartford hospital or in the institution of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, or in any other institution approved by the Governor, the sum of five dollars per week for the support of said patient shall be paid from the State treasury to such hospital or institution respectively, under the directions of the Governor of this State."

resigned, Mr. Harvey E. Mosley was employed at a salary more suitable to the condition of the hospital. The Prudential Committee report that they find him disposed to cooperate with them in reducing expenses as near as possible to the income of the hospital from ordinary sources, and that they regard him as strictly conscientious and faithful in the duties of his office.

Finding at the end of the third quarter that the receipts for the quarter had fallen short of the disbursements about \$2,000, the Directors appointed a committee to explain the situation to the citizens of New Haven, and ask for a simultaneous collection of offerings in all the churches in aid of the hospital. In response to that appeal the second Sunday in this month (January, 1878) was observed as Hospital Sunday and collections were taken in most of the churches. The sum total of these collections as far as they have been paid into the treasury is \$3,222.25, which amount, supplemented by the collection of an old claim has balanced the deficiency of the last two quarters and left a small sum in the treasury. The Directors indulge the hope that the friends of the hospital in other towns will unite in similar efforts and thus enable them to reach the end of another year without contracting a large debt.

The bequest of Mrs. Larned, when received in October, was placed in the treasury subject to the draft of the Prudential Committee to meet current expenses; there being no restriction in the will to prevent such a use of it, and it being well known that she gave it in view of the financial difficulties which began to threaten the hospital before her decease. The liberal contributions of Hospital Sunday have enabled the Prudential Committee to return the legacy to the Directors. It amounts to \$5,000.

Although not officially notified, the Directors have heard that Mr. Nelson A. Hotchkiss, recently deceased, has bequeathed \$5,000 to this Society. These two bequests, amounting to \$10,000, the Directors would be glad to have placed in the hands of the Finance Committee to be invested as the beginning of a permanent fund.

The number of patients who have been under treatment during the year is 453; of this number 111 were in the hospital December 31, 1876, and 312 have, since that date, been received. The aggregate time which these patients have spent in the hospital is 4,121½ weeks. They came from seventeen towns.

Of this number 146 were charity patients, and the aggregate

time during which this class received treatment, amounts to 1,742½ weeks.*

As the annual appropriation made by the State covers a year from July to July, and the appropriation was reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,000 at the session of the Legislature in 1877, the sum received from the treasury of the State in aid of charity patients during our fiscal year, has been \$3,500. This gives to each charity patient \$2.90,8 per week.

The Directors indulge the hope that the Legislature, now in session, will increase the appropriation in aid of charity patients, and consent to a rate of compensation for soldier patients equal to the cost of their entertainment when the hospital is full. If this hope should be realized, the hospital will be able to do much more for those who are both sick and needy, than it possibly can in its present impoverished condition.

The Training School for Nurses deserves honorable mention for the faithfulness and efficiency with which it has fulfilled its agreement with the hospital to our full satisfaction. The school nurses all the patients in the hospital, receiving as compensation nothing more than the board of the nurses; and the work being done by persons of superior intelligence, is for that reason of superior quality. The arrangement is excellent for the hospital, and not less so for the whole community; for this school, in co-operation with other similar schools, is gradually increasing the number of skillful and trustworthy persons who can assume the care of the sick in private houses and relieve the loving friends who are themselves in danger of being fatigued into sickness.

* Patients at the hospital are classified as

1. Self-paying. These pay \$4.00 per week.
2. Private. These pay an additional sum, as may be agreed, for the exclusive use of a room and for other considerations.
3. Marine or United States. For these the United States pay \$0.50 per day.
4. Soldiers of State. For these the State pays \$0.00 per week.
5. Charity. This class includes all for whom the hospital receives less than \$4.00 per week, except soldier patients; who must also be thus classified if the present arrangement with the State continues. In addition to the State appropriation for charity patients, the hospital usually, though not always, receives something from the patient himself, or from some benevolent individual or society, or from the town to which the patient belongs.

The above classification is based upon the assumption that each patient costs the hospital \$4.00 per week. For several years preceding the present, this has been approximately the cost; but this year, owing to the unlooked reduction in the number of patients, the rate of cost for each has risen to almost \$4.60 per week.

To the friends of the hospital, who in various ways contributed during the year to its usefulness, we return thanks. We are grateful for the flowers which have been placed by the bedside of the sick; for the delicate food furnished for delicate appetites; for the bounty of our Thanksgiving dinner; for presents of all kinds sent to the hospital, and for the generous contributions by means of which we are just now out of debt. We desire in this expression of thanks to make specific mention of the Board of Visitors who have assisted the Prudential Committee with timely suggestions; of the proprietors of our daily papers, who have allowed us to explain in their columns the financial embarrassments of the hospital; and of the clergymen and candidates for the ministry who have conducted religious services in the chapel.

In concluding our report, we beg leave to suggest to friends of the hospital, that mottoes and engravings, suitably framed and hung, would enliven the wards and corridors; and to invite those who, if confined to the hospital, would appreciate such an alleviation of weary hours, to associate themselves together in larger or smaller circles, to adorn our walls with works of meritorious art.

EDWARD E. ATWATER,	} <i>Prudential</i>	
WM. L. BRADLEY,		} <i>Committee,</i>
SETH H. MOSELEY,		

MEDICAL STATISTICS.

MEDICAL CASES FROM JAN. 1, 1872, TO JAN. 1, 1878.

Abortion,	5	Locomotor ataxia,	2
Alcoholism,	21	Lumbago,	1
Apoplexy,	1	Malaria,	5
Asthma,	2	Marasmus,	1
Bronchitis,	8	Masturbation,	1
Bright's disease,	6	Melancholia,	2
Cancer of stomach,	1	Meningitis, acute,	1
Catalepsy,	1	Menorrhagia,	1
Chorea,	4	Muscular atrophy,	1
Chlorosis,	1	Neuralgia,	5
Constipation,	4	Paresis,	1
Debility,	8	Paralysis, lead,	1
Diabetes mellitus,	2	" spinal,	1
Diarrhœa,	6	Pelvic cellulitis,	1
Dyspepsia,	5	Peritonitis,	1
Eczema,	1	Pharyngitis,	2
Euphysema,	1	Phtisis,	25
Erysipela,	1	Pneumonia,	1
Epilepsy,	8	Pregnancy,	13
Febricula,	2	Rubeola,	1
Fever, intermittent,	5	Rheumatism, acute,	1
" typhoid,	1	" " articular,	1
Gastritis,	2	" chronic,	23
Gastrodynia,	1	" muscular,	2
Hæmatæmia,	1	Rhus poisoning,	1
Hemiplegia,	8	Scintica,	2
Heart hypertrophy,	2	Senility,	2
" dilatation,	1	Septicæmia,	1
" valvular disease,	6	Tonsillitis,	2
Incontinence of urine,	5	Vaginitis,	1
Influenza,	1	Varicella,	2
Jaundice,	1	Ulcer, gastric,	1
Laryngitis,	1	" intestinal,	1
Lichen,	1		

SUICIDAL CASES FROM JAN. 1, 1877, TO JAN. 1, 1878.

Abrasions,	2	Fracture, os frontis,	1
Alexia,	4	" fibula,	2
Amputation,	1	" Pott's,	2
Anchylosis of knee,	1	" radius,	3
Aneurism,	1	" tibia,	1
Arthritis,	2	" sternum,	1
Bubo,	2	" comp. astragalus,	1
Bunion,	1	" " os calcis,	1
Burns,	1	Frost bite,	1
Calculus, biliary,	1	Furuncle,	1
" vesical,	1	Glaucoma,	1
Cancer of rectum,	1	Gonorrhoea,	3
" breast,	1	" Rheumatism,	1
Carbuncle,	1	Hemorrhoids,	3
Carcinoma,	1	Hernia,	6
Caries of inf. max.,	1	Hydrocele,	1
" tibia,	2	Irido-choroiditis,	2
Cataract,	6	Injury, internal,	1
Chaneroids,	2	" finger,	1
Cystitis,	6	" railroad,	1
Conjunctivitis,	6	" sole,	1
Compression of brain,	1	Keratitis,	1
Concussion "	2	Morbus coxarius,	6
Contraction of ham. ten.,	1	Necrosis tibia,	2
Copulation,	1	" femur,	5
Encephaloid testicle,	1	Osteomyelitis,	1
Eutropion,	5	Periostitis,	1
Epididymitis,	2	Perineal rupture,	1
Epithelioma lip,	2	Pott's disease,	1
" ear,	1	Prostrate enlarged,	1
Erysipelas,	4	Psoriasis,	1
Fever, traumatic,	1	Scleritis,	1
Fistula, perineal,	1	Spinal curvature,	1
" in ano,	3	Sprain,	2
Fracture, femur,	2	Strain,	1
" " neck int. cap.,	1	Stricture œsophagus,	1
" " neck ext. cap.,	1	" rectum,	1
" humerus,	4	" urethra,	3
" inf. max.,	1	Synovitis,	1
" clavicle,	1	Syphilis,	5

Talipes,	1	Ulcer, syphilitic,	1
Tinea sycois,	1	Urethritis,	1
Tumor, fatty,	1	Wound, eyelid,	1
" fibroid of uterus,	1	" cornea,	2
" ovaries,	1	" foot,	1
Ulcer, leg,	4	" forearm,	1
" hip,	2	" hand,	1
" foot,	1	" palmar arch,	1
" cervix uteri,	1	" finger,	1
" varicose,	4	" scalp,	2
" ischial,	2	" thigh, gunshot,	1

OPERATIONS.

Amputation, thigh,	1	Operation for cataract,	8
" ear,	1	" " entropion,	2
" cervix uteri,	1	" " necrosis,	1
Canthoplasty,	1	" " fistula in ano,	2
Castration,	1	" " caries sup. max.,	1
Excision of eye ball,	2	" Liebleicht's,	1
Excision of epithelioma of lip,	2	" for hydrocele,	1
" scirrhous breast,	2	" " uterine fibroid,	1
Hidectomy,	3	Ovariectomy,	1
Lithotomy,	1	Plastic operations,	2
Ligation of arteries,	2	Tenotomy,	6
" " for aneurism,	1		

NUMBER OF BURNS.

In March,	2	In September,	1
In July,	1		
In August,	6	Total,	9

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Apoplexy, serous,	1	Pneumonia,	8
Brain, softening,	1	Peritonitis,	1
Bright's disease, acute,	1	Pyæmia,	1
" " chronic,	2	Scirrhous of liver,	1
Diabetes,	1	Shock,	1
Empyema,	1	Southing sore,	1
Heart disease, valvular,	1	Traumatic fever,	1
" " fatty,	3	Ulcer of stomach,	1
Injury, railroad,	1		
Meningitis, acute,	1	Total,	28

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31, 1876,.....	128	18	146
Admitted during the year 1877,.....	219	93	312
Total,.....	347	111	458
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured,.....	140	35	216
Improved,.....	52	20	90
Unimproved,.....	55	12	67
Died,.....	20	3	23
	307	88	395
Remaining December 31, 1877,.....	43	15	58
	342	111	453

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM JAN. 1, 1877, TO JAN. 1, 1878.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
January,.....	23	4	27
February,.....	20	4	24
March,.....	21	8	29
April,.....	22	6	28
May,.....	17	10	27
June,.....	21	9	30
July,.....	18	6	22
August,.....	20	12	32
September,.....	11	4	15
October,.....	15	14	29
November,.....	18	9	27
December,.....	15	7	22
	219	93	312

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS.

United States,.....	135	Italy,.....	2
Ireland,.....	123	Sweden,.....	1
Germany,.....	36	Norway,.....	3
England,.....	12	Switzerland,.....	1
Scotland,.....	8		
			312

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males	Females	Total
Under 15 years,	18	15	28
From 15 to 20 years,	12	2	14
" 20 to 30 "	50	31	81
" 30 to 40 "	46	25	74
" 40 to 50 "	62	6	68
" 50 to 60 "	30	2	32
" 60 to 70 "	11	—	11
" 70 to 80 "	2	—	2
" 80 to 90 "	1	—	1
	227	83	312

OCCUPATION.

Agent, 1	Hootler, 1	Plumber, 1
Blacksmith, 2	House-keepers, 6	Powder-tester, 1
Barbers, 2	Instruments' m'kr 1	Printer, 1
Brass-worker, 1	Laborers, 21	Porter, 1
Bar-minder, 1	Laundress, 1	Rag-dealer, 1
Carpenter, 1	Locksmith, 1	Seaman, 23
Car-driver, 1	Mechanics, 10	Servants, 10
Carriage-maker, 1	Molders, 10	Shoe-maker, 1
Cigar-packers, 2	Masons, 3	Silver-platers, 3
Clerks, 7	Machinists, 2	Student, 1
Clock-maker, 1	Marble-worker, 1	Tailor, 1
Engraver, 1	Merchant, 1	Teacher, 1
Farmers, 5	Nurse, 1	Upholsterer, 1
Fondry-worker 1	Painters, 8	Well-digger, 1
Harness-makers, 2	Pattern-maker, 1	Wool-carder, 1

TOWNS IN CONNECTICUT REPRESENTED IN THE HOSPITAL
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1875.

Ansonia,	East Lyme,	Kent,
Bradford,	Eastport,	Meriden,
Bridgeport,	Esfield,	Millford,
Birmingham,	Fair Haven,	Middletown,
Cheshire,	Glastonbury,	New Haven,
Collinsville,	Greenwich,	New London,
Danbury,	Hartford,	Norwalk,
Derby,	Hamden,	Naugatuck,
East Haven,	Huntington,	Norwich,

Niantic,	Southington,	Westbrook,
Norfolk,	Saybrook,	Westfield,
North Haven,	Thomaston,	Westport,
Oxford,	Terryville,	Willimantic,
Plainfield,	Waterbury,	Wolcottville,
Plymouth,	Winsted,	Woodbury,
Ridgefield,	Wallingford,	
Stamford,	West Haven,	

Charity patients,	146
Self-paying "	93
Soldier "	191
Sailor "	28
	<hr/> 458

Number of weeks Charity patients were supported,	1,7424
" " Self-paying " " "	2944
" " Soldier " " "	1,9634
" " Sailor " " "	1124
	<hr/> 4,1214

Greatest number of patients on any day,	147
Least number on any one day,	38
The daily average has been	160

EARNINGS AND RECEIPTS.

Quarter ending March 31st, 1877.

State appropriation,	\$1,250.00	
Soldier patients,	6,628.60	
Marine "	487.60	
Charity "	1,270.98	
Self-paying patients,	281.42	
Interest,	590.90	
Henry Farnam, donation,	100.00	
Sundries,	30.00	
		11,137.40

Quarter ending June 30th, 1877.

State appropriation,	\$1,250.00	
Soldier patients,	2,032.95	
Marine "	124.09	
Charity "	2,128.05	
Self-paying patients,	455.31	
Burial expenses refunded,	15.00	
Sundries,	9.68	
		6,935.01

Quarter ending September 30th, 1877.

State appropriation,	\$ 500.00	
Soldier patients,	1,529.92	
Marine "	138.79	
Charity "	1,735.57	
Self-paying patients,	817.81	
Interest,	875.60	
Burial expenses refunded,	10.00	
Sundries,	170.27	
Geo. M. White,	200.00	
		5,477.13

Quarter ending December 31st, 1877.

State appropriation,	\$ 400.00	
Soldier patients,	1,193.08	
Marine "	456.65	
Charity "	1,378.27	
Self-paying patients,	1,189.89	
Interest,	205.00	
Sundries,	79.30	
Geo. M. White,	550.50	
		5,552.69

 \$20,191.61

DISBURSEMENTS.

Quarter ending March 31st, 1877.

Salaries and Wages,	\$2,167.07	
Flour, Bread, Butter, Cheese, &c.,	1,318.56	
Meat, Fowls and Fish,	2,033.49	
Vegetables and Fruit,	198.86	
Groceries, Eggs, Milk and Soap,	1,378.45	
Liquors, Medicines and Instruments,	629.83	
Fuel, Gas, Water and Ice,	608.74	
Furniture, Clothing, Bedding and Crockery, ..	810.86	
Repairs and Improvements,	453.16	
Postage, Printing and Stationery,	161.47	
Barn expenses,	35.21	
Insurance and Interest,	237.73	
Refunded to patients,	25.71	
Burial expenses,	18.40	
		9,859.30

Quarter ending June 30th, 1877.

Salaries and Wages,	\$1,059.01	
Flour, Bread, Butter, Cheese, &c.,	587.96	
Meat, Fowls and Fish,	1,817.62	
Vegetables and Fruit,	484.69	
Groceries, Eggs, Milk and Soap,	1,253.49	
Liquors, Medicines and Instruments,	630.95	
Fuel, Gas, Water and Ice,	954.31	
Furniture, Clothing, Bedding and Crockery, ..	53.25	
Repairs and Improvements,	801.67	
Postage, Printing and Stationery,	99.82	
Barn and Garden expenses,	75.81	
Hardware and Tools,	84.23	
Refunded to patients,	34.82	
Burial expenses,	16.60	
		8,678.73

Quarter ending September 30th, 1877.

Salaries and Wages,	\$1,409.53	
Flour, Bread, Butter and Cheese,	820.50	
Meat, Fowls and Fish,	1,547.68	
Vegetables and Fruit,	250.83	
Groceries, Eggs, Milk and Soap,	1,154.99	
Liquors, Medicines and Instruments,	498.39	
Fuel, Gas, Water and Ice,	309.83	

Furniture, Clothing, Bedding and Crockery,...	\$ 20.85
Repairs and Improvements,	543.70
Postage, Printing and Stationery,	24.48
Barn expenses and Live Stock,	51.00
Hardware and Tools,	44.80
Insurance,	51.00
Refunded to patients,	81.73
Barial expenses,	28.00
Sundries,	7.00
	<hr/> 7,126.81

Quarter ending December 31st, 1877.

Salaries and Wages,	\$1,462.90
Flour, Bread, Butter and Cheese,	381.23
Meat, Fowls and Fish,	1,562.81
Vegetables and Fruit,	161.84
Groceries, Eggs, Milk and Soap,	592.34
Liquors, Medicines and Instruments,	371.30
Fuel, Gas, Water and Ice,	1,123.31
Furniture, Clothing, Bedding and Crockery, ..	79.88
Repairs and Improvements,	319.41
Postage, Printing and Stationery,	48.66
Barn expenses,	11.70
Insurance,	201.50
Refunded to patients,	52.64
Barial expenses,	13.00
Sundries,	61.64
	<hr/> 7,250.77

Disbursements for the year,	\$32,997.48
Receipts for the year,	<hr/> 29,191.63
Deficit,	3,805.85

DONATIONS RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL FROM JAN. 1, 1877, TO
JAN. 1, 1878.

Clothing, Linen, &c.

- Mrs. Bacon, old linen.
 Mrs. Bishop, old linen.
 Mrs. Larned, three night-dresses, one pair linen drawers.
 Mrs. Ketchum, one linen sheet, old cotton and tartan.
 A. B. Mesell, old linen.
 Mrs. Philo Chatfield, eleven pairs stockings, one pair slippers,
 two night-dresses, four shirts, one pair drawers, old linen.
 No name, old cotton and linen, one pair stockings.
 Hachi-no-su, one calico wrapper.
 Unknown, old cotton and linen.
 Mrs. Woolsey, three night-dresses, old cotton and linen.
 Mrs. Wood, Bridgeport, two shirts, three pair drawers.
 Mrs. Levi Gilbert, seven shirts, old cotton and linen.
 Mrs. Searles, old linen.
 Mrs. Booth, old linen.
 Mrs. Parker, old linen.
 Mrs. Marrett, old linen.
 Mrs. Reed, old linen.
 Mrs. Merwin, old linen.
 Mrs. Leavenworth, old linen.
 No name, old linen.
 Mrs. Skinner, linen and cotton.
 Hachi-no-su, infants' clothing.
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 Mrs. Larned, large package of clothing.
 Our Society, clothing for infants and children.
 Hachi-no-su, infants' clothing.
 Mrs. Preston, old linen and cotton.
 A friend, five woolen wrappers, one silk quilt, two cotton pads,
 one night-dress, old linen.
 Mrs. Creamer, two shirts, seven pairs stockings, one pair cotton
 drawers.
 Prof. Wehner, old linen and cotton.
 Unknown, five linen shirts, eleven linen collars, fourteen pairs
 linen cuffs, four pairs socks, four pairs gloves.
 Hachi-no-su, two night-shirts for boys, four chemises, one baby's
 dress.
 Dr. Pierpont, linen and cotton.

J. B. Baldwin, one linen coat, one dressing-gown, two pairs slippers, one summer shawl, two breakfast shawls, two hoods, three linen shirts, old cotton.

Miss Laffingwell, old cotton and linen.

A. B. Menell, old linen.

Mrs. Dr. Bishop, three shirts, five pairs stockings, three night-shirts, two night-dresses, one dressing sack.

Mrs. Hoard, two cotton night-shirts.

Mrs. Thomson, old linen.

Hacienda, infants' clothing.

Mrs. Larned, cotton.

Unknown, cotton and woolen shirts.

Mrs. Cutler and Mrs. Parsons, linen.

Thanksgiving.

Dr. L. J. Santced, cash, \$5.00.

Dr. W. L. Bradley, one turkey.

Dr. E. H. Bishop, one turkey.

Dr. T. H. Bishop, one turkey.

Mrs. Fitch, one turkey.

Robert Morgan, one turkey.

Mrs. Frances Gilbert, one turkey.

H. B. Bigelow, three turkeys.

John H. Bax, three turkeys.

C. B. Whittlesey, three chickens.

Mrs. Cowles, one geeling.

S. H. Moseley, one crate oranges.

Miss Elliot and Mrs. Sumner, one basket apples.

Miscellaneous.

Mrs. Reed, flowers and tomatoes.

Mrs. Evert, fruit.

Mrs. Nicholson, fruit.

Mrs. Reynolds, fruit.

Mr. Ketcham, fruit.

"The Flower Mission," flowers during the season.

Mrs. Atwater, flowers.

Mrs. Evert, flowers.

Dr. Daggett, flowers.

Other persons, whose names are unknown, have sent fruit and flowers.

J. A. Bishop, forty volumes books, pamphlets, class quitoon.

Mrs. Bowen, papers and magazines.

Other persons, whose names are unknown, have sent papers and magazines.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Visitors have the honor of presenting their sixth and last report for the current year.

As addressed to your Committee, simply, this report need embrace nothing beyond the statement that the usual weekly visits have been made during the last two months. The suggestions and criticisms relating to details of internal management, which are submitted in the ordinary bi-monthly reports, must here give place to an account of the general impression made by a year's inspection, and to suggestions, if not criticisms, relating to the attitude towards the Hospital of the community at large, to whom the annual report is really addressed.

In expressing their belief that those in charge of the institution sincerely wish and faithfully try to maintain its efficiency in the face of serious hindrances, the Board are not merely giving the results of their own observation, but are repeating the testimony of highly intelligent patients. It has been most gratifying to hear hearty praise of the Hospital, and especially of the nursing which the Training School provides, based upon the actual experience of persons accustomed to the refined comfort supplied by competence and culture. Such testimony proves that those for whose benefit hospitals are chiefly intended, the poor and friendless, are here placed in conditions as favorable to recovery as wealth could furnish, while it may be accompanied by a criticism, at once frank and fair, which shall direct attention to wants, otherwise likely to be overlooked, and yet far from unimportant. The class from which benefactions must principally come has thus the opportunity of learning from its own representatives how benefactions are used. And it is well to have attention called in this way to the fact that surgical cases, at any rate, can be better cared for here than in most private houses. Every mechanical appliance for relief and comfort is at hand, and, what is hardly less important, there is comparative freedom from anxiety, growing out of the knowledge that medical aid is always within call, and that one is surrounded by those who know what to do in an emergency, and who can act with the promptness and coolness so essential and yet so often lacking on the part of near relatives.

No one would wish to see the rich crowding out the poor, but it is worth much to society to have rich and poor brought into closer sympathy as sharing a common benefit, while the Hospital will be better able to do its work for the poor if its resources are increased by some increase in the number of private patients.

The need of an enlarged income is the point to be especially urged upon the public in this report. The results of the recent "Hospital Sunday," however gratifying, are only available for the relief of present embarrassment. It is the duty of the people of New Haven, and of the whole region from which patients are brought to New Haven, to provide against the recurrence of such embarrassments. It seems not improbable that for some years to come it will be necessary to ask for similar efforts on the part of religious societies. The income of the Hospital should by all means be large enough, from this time forth, to leave no occasion for using bequests to meet current expenses, and no temptation either to exclude patients who have no money or to drive hard bargains with those who have. But the friends of the Hospital are farther bound to secure for it, as fast as possible, a large permanent endowment. This may be done by gifts and legacies, appropriated to the purpose by those from whom they come, or by the endowment of beds, on the part of individuals, manufacturing companies, benevolent associations and churches. Within a few years much has been done in this direction by children for sufferers of their own age. There are commonly children among the patients in this institution, and if the Sunday schools, and other schools, of the neighborhood were to undertake the endowment of children's beds, not only would it be easier to alleviate suffering, but the cultivation of an interest in philanthropic work, and in this Hospital, would become a part of the education of the young. And it would belong to that education of the moral nature, of which the importance is so strongly felt just now.

To measures looking towards a permanent endowment, therefore, the attention of all good men is earnestly invited.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES ATWATER,
WILLIS M. ANTHONY,
HORACE DAY,
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APPENDIX.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Applications for the admission of patients should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, and should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital, New Haven, Conn. In accordance with the regulations of the Hospital, the Superintendent, as the representative of the Prudential Committee, arranges the terms of admission according to the circumstances of the case and the accommodations required.

2. The ordinary charge, per week for accommodation in the Wards is \$8.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing. The buildings have been recently (1873) enlarged so more than double their former capacity, and are supplied with gas, water, steam-heating and all the modern conveniences; they are situated upon an eminence, overlooking the city, harbor and Long Island Sound. The nursing is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. Private rooms are furnished at \$12.00 or more, per week, according to the requirements of the case.

4. Persons partly supported by the towns in which they reside and partly by the State appropriation, are admitted on an order from the town authorities.

5. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war, and now residents, are admitted as State patients agreeably to the Act amended 1877, to receive treatment for wounds or disability contracted in the service.

6. Sailors, whose support is provided for from the Marine Hospital Fund, are admitted on the order of the collector of the port of New Haven.

7. Patients carried directly to the Hospital from the place of accident are admitted immediately.

8. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

9. *Inane persons and those suffering from contagious diseases are not admitted.*

NEW HAVEN, CONN., 18

In consideration of the admission of _____ of _____ into the Institution of the "General Hospital Society of Connecticut," at New Haven, I engage to provide, or pay for, a sufficiency of clothing for _____, and pay to the Treasurer of said Institution _____ dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance; and to cause said patient to be buried when discharged, without expense to said Institution, and in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

Principal.

For value received, I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulations.

Secretary.

FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
DIRECTORS
OF THE
GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY
OF CONNECTICUT,
FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 30th, 1879.

NEW HAVEN
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1879.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

Recd. I give and bequeath to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, in the City of New Haven, the sum of dollars, to be paid by my executors, out of my real or personal estate, as soon as the settlement of my affairs will permit, to the Treasurer of said Institution for the time being, in trust, to be applied by the Directors thereof to the humane purposes of said Institution.

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FREE BED FUNDS.

1874—HENRY FARNAM,	\$5,000.00
1874—WM. FITCH,	5,000.00
1874—JAMES E. ENGLISH,	5,000.00
1878—ELLEN M. GIFFORD,	5,000.00

PERMANENT FUNDS.

1877—BENE LARNED FUND,	\$5,000.00
1878—NELSON A. HOTCHKISS,	5,000.00

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, respectfully present to the Society their fifty-second Annual Report, as prepared by the Prudential Committee and adopted by the Directors.

The Directors desire to render a tribute of honor to one of their own members, Mr. Burton Mallory, elected a Director, at the last annual meeting of the Society, and since that time deceased. The most numerous branch of the Hospital League was established through his influence, and but for his early death he might have rendered other important aid to the Society. Death has also put an end during the year, to the long and faithful service of Mr. Willis M. Anthony, as a member of the Board of Visitors.

In the last Annual Report, it was mentioned that the contributions of Hospital Sunday, in January, 1878, had not only called the debt incurred in 1877, but placed a small sum in the treasury, with which to begin the year. When that report was presented it was not possible to state with precision, the total amount contributed on Hospital Sunday. It is pertinent, therefore, as well as pleasant, to report at this time that the contributions of Hospital Sunday in 1878 amounted to \$3,624.73.

It was hoped that the hospital, being thus relieved from debt, might be aided by the State, to do a larger work of charity, and thus become again self-supporting. The Legislature did restore the annual appropriation to the generous sum of \$5,000; but the act did not become operative till the middle of our fiscal year, so that the treasury felt no relief from this source previous to the third quarter. A bill was also passed providing for the admission of a larger class of invalid soldiers, but the hospital has derived little if any pecuniary aid from this action, as the Commissioners appointed by the act, insisted upon another reduction

of the weekly rate for soldiers. We receive only \$4.50 per week for a soldier patient, when the average cost of entertaining patients is more than \$7 per week. Whatever hope was awakened by the "act in relation to invalid soldiers, sailors, and marines," passed in 1878, was by this arrangement, turned to disappointment.

Our only hope of avoiding a deficit being thus frustrated, the Directors at their meeting in October, appointed a committee to request that on the second Sunday in January, 1879, Hospital Sunday might be again observed. The good people of New Haven willingly responded and contributions were received in most of the churches, but though our deficit did not exceed that of last year, the receipts of the second Hospital Sunday were so much less, that we must begin the new year with a debt. The first Hospital Sunday was a great success, and we are grateful for the extraordinary liberality with which we were then relieved. We take some comfort in the fact that the deficit was reduced from \$1900 per quarter in the last two quarters of 1877, to \$950 per quarter in 1878, and hope that the next year will show commensurate improvement.

The Prudential Committee think that during the year which has just commenced, the expenditures of the hospital can be brought down nearly, and perhaps quite, to the income. The ground of this belief is in the reduction of the cost of food, the increase of the State appropriation, and the commencement of a permanent fund.

During the year, the treasurer has received a donation of \$5,000 from Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford, which entitles her and her representatives to nominate patients to a free bed in perpetuity. The bequest of Mrs. Larned, mentioned in the last report, has been, by vote of the Directors, invested as the commencement of a permanent fund. The bequest of Nelson A. Hotchkiss, of which mention was also made in the last report, has been received. By request of the executor, it is to be known as the "Nelson A. Hotchkiss Permanent Fund." The commencement of a permanent fund, encourages the Directors to hope that the hospital may, by similar means, be relieved wholly, as by these gifts it will in part be relieved from financial embarrassment. When these funds begin to yield income, we shall not have so large a deficit as we have been constrained to show. The endowment of another free bed, though less helpful to the income of the Hospital, also awakens pleasant and grateful emotions, since it enables us to entertain another patient gratuitously.

A comparison of hospitals generally shows that the cost per patient diminishes as the number of patients increases. The Executive Committee of the Hartford Hospital, who have had a very long experience, say in their report for the year ending April, 1877, "The expense of providing for 150 patients is not much more than to provide for 60." From a tabular comparison of items of expenditure in eight different hospitals, prepared by a member of our Board of Visitors, it appears that the cost of victualling, when assessed upon the patients, shows, as a rule, a much larger rate if the daily average of patients is small. This table shows the daily cost of this item for each patient in our hospital, to have been fifty-four cents and four mills. More accurately it is fifty-one cents and six mills; several persons who were neither patients nor employees, having paid for their board a sufficient amount to reduce the rate to the last mentioned sum. This rate of cost for food is considerably larger than in larger institutions, and is larger than in other hospitals where the number of patients is approximately equal to our number. The Prudential Committee explain that this excess in the cost of food is due in great part to the amount of special diet, as compared with the amount prescribed in other hospitals. More beef and poultry are used than in other institutions, and our books show that eight-ninths of the poultry is made into chicken soup, and that three-tenths of the cost of other meat is for ten beef.

The whole number of patients during the year is 394; of this number 58 were in the hospital December 31st, 1877, and 336 have since that date been received. The aggregate time spent in the hospital by these patients is 3,567½ weeks or 24,971 days. The daily average therefore, is 68. They came from forty-one towns and villages. Of this number, 174 were charity patients, and the aggregate time during which this class of patients received treatment, amounts to 1,806½ weeks.

As the annual appropriation made by the State covers a year from July to July, and the appropriation was increased from \$2,000 to \$5,000 at the session of the Legislature in 1878; the sum received from the Treasury of the State in aid of charity patients during our fiscal year has been \$1,500. This gives the hospital for each charity patient \$1.03 per week, during the time he was under treatment. In a few instances we have received no other compensation; but usually something additional is paid by the patient himself, or by some benevolent individual or society, or by the town to which the patient belongs.

The observance of Hospital Sunday a year ago, awakened an interest in the hospital among workmen, which resulted in the establishment of a Hospital League, of which there are four branches, called respectively the Folding Chair, the New Haven Wheel Company, the West Rock Paper Mill, and the Mulbury, Wheeler & Company branches. The aggregate sum deposited by all these branches of the League is \$204.80, nearly all of which still stands on our books to the credit of the depositors, there having been no serious sickness or accident among them during the year.

Would it not be well for workmen, if such an association were formed in every manufacturing establishment, so that in case of accident or sickness, there should be provision already made for the sufferers. The organization of the existing branches was in every instance with wise and benevolent foresight, approved and promoted by the employers of the men thus organized into mutual aid associations.

The Directors desire to make mention with thanks of a contribution received from the Sunday School of the Church of the Redeemer, for the support in the hospital of some suffering child. A suitable beneficiary was soon found; a little girl five years of age, afflicted with hip disease is now receiving treatment. Such a charity is doubly blessed, relieving the sufferer and educating the ministering children in christian beneficence. They would also gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the "Amateur Dramatic Association" in devoting the proceeds of their entertainment last spring to the hospital, to be used for the benefit of children. A boy supported by this fund has been under treatment for the greater portion of the year, and has been discharged much improved. A part of this fund still remains. The number of children in the hospital has never been so large as during this year. The beneficence which seeks to convert a crippled child into an active, producing, contributing member of society, is to be commended, whether viewed in the light of political economy or in the light of christian love.

The Training School for Nurses has, as usual, performed its part of the hospital work well, and we hear from different quarters good report of the graduate nurses.

The Directors desire to express their thanks to kind friends who, at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and other times, have contributed to the comfort and pleasure of the inmates of the

hospital, to the editors and reporters of the daily papers who have so willingly diffused information concerning the institution and its necessities, to the clergymen and students of theology who have conducted religious services, and especially to the Board of Visitors for constant and vigilant inspection of the institution, and for the suggestions they have made for its better administration.

Hoping that at some future time the field between the new building and Congress Avenue will be laid out as a park, the Directors invite special donations of money or of trees for its adornment. Perhaps some citizen may be induced to defray the entire expense of planting it with trees, and thus give future generations occasion to mention his name with respect and gratitude.

EDWARD E. ATWATER,	{	<i>President</i>
WILLIAM L. BRADLEY,		
SETH H. MOSLEY,		

Committee.

MEDICAL STATISTICS

MEDICAL CASES FROM JAN. 1, 1878, TO JAN. 1, 1879.

Abortion,	1	Hypochondriasis,	5
Alcoholism,	7	Hysteria,	12
Anaemia,	2	Incontinence of urine,	1
Angina Pectoris,	3	Insanity,	1
Apoplexy,	4	Insolation,	2
Asthma,	1	Iodism,	2
Brain, Disease of—		Laryngitis,	1
Congestion,	1	Locomotor ataxia,	5
Compression,	1	Malaria, chronic,	3
Tumor,	2	Malingering,	5
Bright's Disease, acute,	1	Maria à poen,	3
" " chronic,	5	Masturbation,	1
Bronchitis,	8	Melancholia,	3
Cancer of Stomach,	1	Nervous prostration,	2
" ileo-caecal valve,	1	Ovaritis,	1
Catalepsy,	1	Palsy, partial,	3
Cela,	1	" general,	2
Cebis, chronic,	2	Pericarditis with adhesions,	1
Constipation,	4	Phthisis,	34
Diabetes mellitus,	1	Pleurisy,	2
Diphtheria,	1	Poisoning, strychnia,	1
Dyspepsia, acute,	2	" morphia,	2
" chronic,	5	" chloral,	1
Emphysema,	1	" lead,	2
Epilepsy,	1	" vegetable,	1
Fever, subtertian,	17	Pregnancy,	15
Heart, Disease of—		Rheumatism, acute,	8
Hypertrophy,	1	" chronic,	18
Aortic Regurgitation,	2	Sclerosis spinal cord,	2
Mitral " "	1	Spermato-ertheca,	2
Hemiplegia, partial,	2	Syphilis, hereditary,	1
" complete,	2	Tinea solium,	1
Hæmorrhage,	2	Tonsillitis,	1
Hydrarthrosis,	1		

Total, 224

Tumor fibroid,	1	Wound buttocks,	1
" ovarian,	1	" lacerated,	1
Ulcer, cornea,	7	" stab,	1
" leg,	3	" incised,	5
" varicose,	6		—
" indolent,	5		209
Varicose veins,	6		

OPERATIONS.

Amputation of toes,	1	For Erysipelas of hand,	1
" breast,	5	" " lip,	2
Canthoplasty,	3	" Necrosis of tibia,	1
Castration,	1	" " pelvis,	1
Dilatation of urethral stricture,	12	For Caries sup. max.,	1
Division of cicatricial adhesions,	1	Iridectomy,	4
Extirpation of eye-ball,	1	Opening of sinns,	1
For Ruptured perineum,	2	" abscess,	2
" Convergent strabismus,	2	" " lacrymal duct,	1
" Atresia vaginal,	1	Removal Hemorrhoids,	2
" Tumor of groin,	1	" sub. max. gland,	1
" Fistula in ano,	6	" filiform of buttocks,	1
" " recto-vaginal,	1	" metatarsal bone,	1
" Cataract,	6		—
			62

NUMBER OF BIRTHS.

In January,	1	In October,	1
In February,	1	In November,	1
In July,	2		—
In August,	2		11
In September,	5		

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Abscess of pelvis,	1	Bright's disease, acute,	1
Apeplexy,	3	" " chronic,	4

Bronchitis, capillary,	1	Pyelitis,	1
Cancer of ileo-caecal valve,	1	Railroad injury,	2
Diabetes mellitus,	1	Sarcotia,	2
Epithelioma,	1	Scarlatina,	1
Erysipelas,	1	Suicide by hanging,	1
Fracture of spine,	1	Scirrhus of breast,	1
Insolation,	1	Tumor of brain,	2
Pericardium adherent,	1	Ulceration of Intestines,	1
Phthisis,	0		—
Pneumonia,	1		38

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW HAVEN, January 30, 1879.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith respectfully submit the fifty-second annual report of the receipts and disbursements, number of patients in the Hospital, and other items of information :

The number of patients remaining in the Hospital Dec. 31, 1877, was 38—43 males, 15 females; admitted during the year 1878, 336, 236 males, 100 females, making a total of 394 under treatment, 279 males, 115 females. Of this number, 163 recovered, 115 males, and 48 females. 92 were discharged improved, 30 unimproved. 38 have died, and 71 remaining under treatment.

There have been 11 births; 5 males, and 6 females.

The whole number of weeks occupied was 3,567½ weeks. Of these, charity patients occupied 1,806½ weeks; self-paying, 574; soldiers, 921; and sailors, 265½. These patients came from 41 different towns and villages. The State appropriation for the current year has been 3,500 dollars, partially supporting 174 patients. The greatest number of patients any one day, was 93, and the lowest, 37: the daily average being very nearly 69.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

H. E. MOSSELEY, Superintendent, *in account with* "GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY."

Dr.

1878. To amount received:

Balance from old account,	\$99.20
Self-paying patients,	4,444.11
Charity,	6,785.56
Marine Charity,	1,600.55
Soldier	4,468.67
State appropriations,	3,500.90
Hospital League,	284.80
Board of Supernumerary Nurses,	174.43
Sundrys,	431.38

\$23,762.73

Orders on Treasurer,

24,169.47

\$45,872.20

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1878. By amounts paid for :

Salaries and wages,	\$5,188.38
Flour, bread, cake, pies, crackers and rice,	1,837.98
Butter and cheese,	1,325.03
Meat, fowl and fish,	5,918.82
Fruit and vegetables,	658.72
Groceries and eggs,	1,928.79
Milk,	1,405.88
Liquors, medicines and instruments,	2,296.70
Fuel, gas, water and ice,	3,546.38
Furniture, clothing, bedding and crockery,	561.52
Repairs and improvements,	812.72
Printing, stationery and postage,	203.89
Barn expenses, tools and live stock,	233.03
Interest and Insurance,	331.62
Seep,	127.75
Burial expenses,	41.00
Supplies,	204.46

Total current expenses,	\$24,628.27
Refunded to patients,	269.88
Deposited with Treasurer,	18,934.32
Balance on hand,	57.22

\$43,810.20

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males	Females	Total
Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31, 1877,	43	15	58
Admitted during the year 1878,	216	190	406
Total,	279	415	694

Of this number there have been discharged—

Cured,	115	48	163
Improved,	59	33	92
Unimproved,	29	10	39
Died,	26	12	38
	<hr/> 229	<hr/> 103	<hr/> 332

Remaining under treatment Dec. 31, 1878,	52	19	71
	<hr/> 277	<hr/> 122	<hr/> 399

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM JAN. 1, 1878 TO DEC. 31, 1878.

	Males	Females	Total
January,	24	7	31
February,	14	6	20
March,	19	9	28
April,	20	9	29
May,	15	8	23
June,	10	11	21
July,	25	10	35
August,	36	18	54
September,	31	6	37
October,	19	3	22
November,	18	8	26
December,	15	6	21
Total,	236	100	336

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

United States,	144	Canada,	2
Ireland,	129	Denmark,	2
Germany,	31	Finland,	1
England,	17	Russia,	1
Scotland,	1	France,	1
Sweden,	2		
Norway,	3		
Switzerland,	2		
			336

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males	Females	Total
Under 15 years,	12	8	20
From 15 to 20 years,	13	15	28
" 20 to 30 "	62	31	93
" 30 to 40 "	54	25	79
" 40 to 50 "	46	12	58
" 50 to 60 "	28	1	29
" 60 to 70 "	11	6	17
" 70 to 80 "	2		2
" 80 to 90 "	1		1
	236	100	336

OCCUPATION.

Actress,	1	Druggist,	1	Painters,	4
Bag-maker,	1	Engineer,	1	Pedlars,	9
Barbers,	2	Farmers,	6	Planter,	1
Blacksmiths,	2	Fireman,	1	Saloon-keepers,	3
Boatman,	1	Furniture-maker,	1	Seamen,	39
Brakeman,	1	Gardeners,	2	Servants,	18
Brass-workers,	3	Hackman,	1	Shoe-maker,	1
Burnishers,	5	Hatter,	1	Spring-maker,	1
Carpenters,	4	Hostlers,	2	Switchman,	1
Carriage-maker,	1	Hotel-keeper,	1	Tailors,	2
Cigar-packer,	1	House-keepers,	29	Teachers,	2
Clerks,	6	Laborers,	43	Teamsters,	2
Clergyman,	1	Locksmith,	1	Turner,	1
Cochmen,	2	Machinist,	1	Waiter,	1
Cook,	1	Mason,	8	Watch-makers,	2
Cutter,	1	Mechanics,	16	Watchman,	1
Doctor,	1	Merchants,	3	Wire-worker,	1
Dress-maker,	1	Mobler,	1		

TOWNS IN CONNECTICUT REPRESENTED IN THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1878.

Bridford,	Meriden,	Southington,
Bridgport,	Milford,	South Norwalk,
Birmingham,	Middletown,	Stamford,
Bristol,	Marlboro,	Wallingford,
Cheshire,	Munroe,	Warren,
Collinsville,	New Britain,	Waterbury,
Danbury,	New Haven,	West Haven,
Derby,	Norfolk,	Willimantic,
East Haven,	Norwalk,	Winchester,
Fair Haven,	Norwich,	Windsor,
Fairfield,	Northford,	Wokeettville,
Groton,	North Haven,	Woodbridge,
Guilford,	Saybrook,	Woodbury,
Hamden,		

Charity patients,	174
Self-paying "	122
Soldier "	55
Sailor "	45

294

Number of weeks Charity patients were supported,	18007
" " Self-paying " " " "	874
" " Soldier " " " "	921
" " Sailor " " " "	2654

35677

Greatest number of patients on one day,	93
Least number of " " " " " " " "	51
The daily average has been	69

DONATIONS RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL FROM JANUARY,
 1878, TO JANUARY, 1879.

Clothing, Linen, &c.

Dr. Alling, three shirts and old cotton,

Mrs. Atwater, old linen.

Mrs. Butler, 4 shirts, old cotton, linen and woollens.

Mrs. Laffin, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Franklin, old cotton and linen.

Unknown, old cotton and linen.

Miss Hogeboom, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Champion, old cotton and linen.

Unknown, old cotton, linen and newspapers.

Mrs. Gilbert, old cotton and linen.

St. John's M. E. Church, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. A. B. Merrill, old cotton, linen and newspapers.

Mrs. Sheldon, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Chaplain, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Phillip B. Coke, old cotton and linen.

A friend, four pair drawers, two night dresses, four chemises,
two pair stockings.

A friend, two waists, one woollen cloud, one woollen scarf, one
pair wristlets.

Mrs. Foote, three pair drawers, three night dresses, one che-
mise, old cotton and linen, one bed spread.

Mrs. Crane, six night-shirts.

Unknown, one white shirt, two night-dresses, one chemise, old
cotton and linen, three night-dresses, three shirts, three chemises,
old linen, old cotton.

Mrs. Andrews, old cotton.

Miss Riley, three chemises.

Hashi-no-on, one apron, one baby's woollen skirt, four baby
night-dresses, six infants' dresses, one baby's calico dress, one
night-shirt.

York Street Aid Society, two cane-seated rockers, one dozen
woolen under-shirts, three boys' night-shirts, three men's night
shirts, four pair drawers, four napkins, one chemise, three pair

new drawers, one new night-dress, four pair drawers, six night-dresses, five new night-dresses for children, one night-dress, new, for an adult, three shirts.

Unknown, five shirts.

Mr. Ketchum, fruit.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, North Church, four new night-shirts, four new child's night-dresses.

Mrs. McAllister, six shirts, one pair slippers, one pair stockings, one pair linen cuffs, two linen collars.

Mrs. Fred. Ives, six night-shirts, one calico wrapper, one pair sewers, three pillow-cases.

Mrs. Bradley, three shirts, old cotton.

Mrs. Burham, old cotton.

Mrs. C. L. Mitchell, seventeen collars, five shirts, two pair stockings, three under-shirts.

Mrs. Samuel Miller, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Lynde, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Carmichael, flowers.

Mrs. Oult, one pair woolen drawers, two pair woolen under-shirts, one supporter, four pair stockings.

Mrs. E. D. Mitchell, one woolen undershirt, four night-shirts, one night-dress.

Miss Woolsey, one chair tidy, one camel's hair shawl, three caps, three pair stockings, two linen chemises, seven flannel socks, one woolen skirt, five pair slippers.

York St. Aid Society, thirty-seven cotton flannel napkins, two surgical instruments, one pair woolen stockings, all new.

Mrs. L. S. Punderson, old cotton and linen.

Miss Mary Riley, old cotton.

A friend, twenty-one shirts.

A friend, two shirts.

Mrs. Everett and Miss Elliott, flowers.

Mrs. Creemer, four vests, three pair pants, six pair woolen drawers, five pair cotton drawers, two coats, four collars.

Charles S. Bartell, one pair linen drawers, two night-shirts, one linen coat, two linen vests, six shirts, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Hebbkins, old cotton and linen.

Mrs. Nadler, package of children's clothing.

Ladies of Lyon St., two bundles old cotton and linen, one bundle under-garments, one bundle infant's clothing.

Mrs. Chatfield, one bundle under-garments.

Mrs. Peck, two bundles under-garments.

Dr. Wm. Bradley, one turkey.
 Robert Morgan, one turkey.
 Miss Elliott, fruit.
 Mrs. Frances Gilbert, one turkey.
 Mrs. Balles, one chicken.
 Mrs. Wm. Fitch, a lot of chickens.
 H. N. Whittlesey, one turkey.
 S. H. Mosley, one crate of oranges.
 Mrs. Everett, two turkeys.
 Mrs. E. S. Coxles, two chickens.
 Strong & Hart, one turkey.
 Charfield & Grand, donation of bill \$6.37.
 Barton Dickerman, donation of ice bill \$6.42.
 Free copies of *Union, Palladium and Register* sent by publishers for the year.

For Christmas.

Dr. G. B. Farnum, \$20.
 Folding Chair Company, \$3.
 Mr. Ketchem, basket of fruit.
 Mrs. Fitch, basket of oranges.
 Miss B. Porter, Christmas Cards for Christmas Trees.
 Mrs. George Watkinson, books " "
 Mrs. Henry Farnum, candies, &c., " "
 Miss Ensign, books and toys " "
 Miss Jennie Coffy, books and toys " "
 " " " one pair of drawers, one skirt, two sarongs,
 one night dress for Christmas tree.

Mrs. A. S. McKee, one chemise and old linen.

Numerous other donors have contributed papers, books, fruit and flowers whose names are unknown. Such may rest assured that their gifts are appreciated. I wish to make especial mention of a donor, name unknown, who contributed on Christmas morning seventy-five fresh, fragrant bouquets, one for each patient, and each accompanied with a Christmas card, filling every one's hands and hearts with grateful perfume. The recipients will hold the donor of such a gift in grateful remembrance, and would be glad to know his name.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

H. E. Mosier.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS, 1878.

18 CHURCHES.

Center, Congregational,	\$811.43	Trinity, Episcopal,	\$650.00
North, "	213.25	St. Paul's, "	194.13
Third, "	202.88	St. Thomas, "	65.15
Ch. of Redeemer, "	123.00	Christ, "	50.68
Davenport, "	75.00	St. John's, "	40.19
Dwight Place, "	48.00	Ch. of Ascension, "	23.59
East, "	31.00	Trinity Chapel (George St.),	6.50
Howard Avenue, "	38.00	Episcopal,	
Taylor, "	5.00	Grace (F. Haven), "	10.00
Temple Street, "	7.50	First Methodist, "	130.88
First Fair Haven, "	24.79	St. John St., "	18.25
Westville, "	24.55	George St., "	23.71
First Baptist, "	22.00	Wesley, "	30.00
Calvary, "	250.00	German, "	2.50
Trinity, Lutheran,	8.65	Sperry St., "	3.00
		St. Patrick's, Catholic,	50.00
		St. Francis (Fair Haven),	10.00
		Catholic,	

24 INDIVIDUALS.

Theodore D. Woolsey,	\$ 10.00	Rev. Dr. Carmody,	\$10.00
Richard S. Folger,	100.00	Mrs. Edward A. Walker,	5.00
Mrs. John D. Wheeler,	50.00	" A Friend,"	5.00
Miss Martha P. Hotchkiss,	25.00	Anonymous,	5.50
Mrs. Philip Maret,	100.00	Clothing,	10.00
James M. Hoppen,	25.00	Employes Folding Chair Co,	3.50

Total contributions, \$3,024.73.

WILBUR F. DAY, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Dr.

1878.	
Jan. 1.	To cash on hand as reported.

\$2,885.05

Receipts for 1878 :

Deposited by H. E. Mosley, Superintendent.	18,518.36
Hospital Sunday collections.	3,624.73
Other donations for current expenses.	64.00
Interest.	1,150.00
Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford for a perpetual free bed.	5,000.00
Estate of Nelson A. Hotchkiss, for permanent fund.	5,000.00
	<u>\$36,342.51</u>

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Paid orders of Prudential Committee during the year	
1878.	\$24,516.46
Licensed on Mortgage.	5,000.00
Paid for \$4,000 City of New Haven 5 per cent bonds	
at 1872.	4,100.00
Accrued interest on ditto.	92.22
Balance on hand January 1st, 1879.*	2,534.83
	<u>\$36,342.51</u>

* The balance on hand belongs to the authorized permanent fund.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Prædential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Visitors have the honor of presenting their sixth and last report for the current year. This report, according to usage, gives the result of their observations throughout the year, and is addressed, through you, to all the friends of the Hospital.

The Constitution of the Society, (Article IX.) requires of the visitors that "two at least shall visit the Hospital every month, and as frequently as they may deem proper. They shall inquire into the economical and moral concerns of the Hospital, suggest improvements, and designate abuses, in a report every two months, to the Prædential Committee." The twelfth by-law calls for weekly instead of monthly visits, and for inquiry not only into the matter of "economical administration," but into "such other matters as are connected with the care and comfort of the patients." It also makes it the duty of the visitors to report all "reasonable complaint from patients." In complying with these requirements, the Board has assigned to two of its members every month, the task of weekly inspection, and made provision for directing the attention of each visitor, in the course of a month's visiting, to every part of the buildings and grounds with which the patients have any concern. The detailed results of this inspection, ascertained, for the most part, at the bi-monthly meetings of the Board, have been presented in the various written communications addressed to you.

The subject of "economical administration" has of late assumed an unwelcome prominence. It is a serious disappointment that the expenses of the Hospital for a second time exceed its annual income, and that this and the neighboring communities have apparently failed to provide the means of meeting the deficiency. This failure evidently renders more imperative the obligation to make the most of what is received, and to guard against possible waste. It is the right of the public to be assured that gifts, be they large or small, are used with a wise economy. And

knowing what strenuous and conscientious efforts to avoid debt have been put forth by those who have borne for the past two years, the burden of perplexity and care which a reduced income has imposed, the Board are confident that such farther sacrifices as the welfare of the Hospital may seem to you to demand, will be freely made.

But the rights of the public are not more sacred than its duties, and one duty is left undone so long as a great public charity is without a certain and adequate revenue. It is discreditable that a Hospital, in a town like this, should even seem to be in danger of having to suspend or seriously contract its beneficent operations. The value of this institution in making more effective one of the purest forms of philanthropy, hardly need be discussed. The trustees can testify that in fulfilling the most essential of their functions, that of investigating what relates to "the cure and comfort of the patients," they have found comparatively little to regret, and still less to censure. They believe that those who hold responsible positions in the Hospital have earnestly and successfully sought to promote the great ends for which it was established—the cure or relief of sickness and pain. The inmates, as a rule, show little disposition to complain, while "reasonable complaints" are very infrequent. In spite of financial embarrassment, the principal object which the founders of the Hospital had in view, seems thus far to have been substantially secured; and even if it served no other purpose than as a condition of the existence of the Training School for Nurses, it would have a very strong claim to generous support. But its claim has still to be recognized here in the proper form, that of putting it on a safe and permanent basis of endowment. And if all our citizens had been duly influenced by the example of the class to which the institution owes its origin, this would have been accomplished long ago. The unpaid services of the physicians of New Haven, during the half century of the existence of the Hospital, represent, it is said, a sum which would have endowed it twice over.

An adequate permanent fund cannot be expected from a single effort, or within a single year. It must be the result of a greatly increased volume of benefactions poured steadily into the treasury year after year. But if philanthropists men of fortune come to recognize the right of the Hospital to a share of their charitable donations and bequests; if large employers of labor form the habit of establishing free beds for the benefit of their workmen, per-

haps inviting the latter, as they reasonably may, to unite with them, according to their means, in this very practical form of coöperative effort; if groups of families in comfortable circumstances combine to make similar provision for their domestics; if churches, separately or otherwise, do the same in behalf of their sick poor; if Sunday Schools associate themselves in endowing children's beds; in short, if all classes of our people frankly acknowledge and generously fulfill their obligations to a charity which so powerfully appeals to the sympathies of all, and in which every one of us may, directly or indirectly, become in some sense a pensioner, it cannot be many years before New Haven will, at any rate, be in this respect as well off as Hartford. That city was thirty years behind us in establishing a Hospital, but is now very far before us in the secure financial basis which it has provided for it. In fact, it is believed that New Haven is almost a solitary exception to the rule by which large communities are governed in the care of the sick poor, that of giving their Hospitals the foremost place among their charities.

This report cannot be closed without an allusion to the loss which both this Board and the institution have sustained in the death of Mr. Willis M. Anthony, by election the oldest member of the Board. Mr. Anthony had thoroughly won the respect and attachment of his late associates by his uniform fidelity in the discharge of his duties, of which he frequently and cheerfully assumed more than his due proportion, and by the good sense and kindness of heart which characterized him. By them, his death is mourned as a personal loss, while all interested in the welfare of the Hospital have reason to regret one who never spared himself in its service.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. ATWATER,
FREDWELL KETCHAM,
WM. GALE,
E. WHITNEY,
WM. G. ANDREWS.

New Haven, January 27, 1873.

APPENDIX.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Applications for the admission of patients should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the illness, and should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital, New Haven, Conn. In accordance with the regulations of the Hospital, the Superintendent, as the representative of the Prudential Committee, arranges the terms of admission according to the circumstances of the case and the accommodation required.

2. The ordinary charge per week for accommodation in the Wards is \$4.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing. The buildings have been recently (1924) enlarged to more than double their former capacity, and are supplied with gas, water, steam-heating and all the modern conveniences; they are situated upon an eminence, overlooking the city, harbor and Long Island Sound. The nursing is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. Private rooms are furnished at \$12.00 or more, per week, according to the requirements of the case.

4. Persons partly supported by the town in which they reside and partly by the State appropriation, are admitted on an order from the town authorities.

5. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war, and now invalids, are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability contracted in the service.

6. Soldiers, whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund, are admitted on the order of the commander of the Port of New Haven.

7. Persons carried directly to the Hospital from the place of accident are admitted immediately.

8. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

9. Inebriate persons and those suffering from contagious diseases are not admitted.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

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In consideration of the admission of _____ into the Institution of the "General Hospital Society of Connecticut," at New Haven, I engage to provide, or pay for, a sufficiency of clothing for _____ and pay to the Treasurer of said Institution _____ dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance; and to cause said patient to be transported when discharged, without expense to said Institution, and in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

Physician.

For value received, I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulations.

Society.

FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY

OF

CONNECTICUT,

FOR THE YEAR 1879.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 28, 1880.

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1880.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

Item. I give and bequeath to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, in the City of New Haven, the sum of _____ dollars, to be paid by my executors, out of my real or personal estate, as soon as the settlement of my affairs will permit, to the Treasurer of said Institution for the time being, in trust, to be applied by the Directors thereof to the humane purposes of said Institution.

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| *RANSOM BURRITT, | *RUSSELL HOTCHKISS, |
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FREE BED FUND.

1872—HESSEY PARHAM,	\$5,000
1872—WM. FITCH,	5,000
1874—JAMES E. ENGLISH,	5,000
1875—ELLEN M. GREGORY,	5,000

PERMANENT FUND

1877—JESSE EARNED,	\$5,000
1878—NELSON A. HUTCHINS,	5,000

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut respectfully present to the Society their fifty-third Annual Report as prepared by the Prudential Committee and adopted by the Directors.

Soon after the last annual meeting of the Society, Mr. H. E. Mosely resigned his office as superintendent and Mr. J. H. Starkweather was employed to fill the place thus vacated. The Prudential Committee are pleased to testify their belief that he is discharging the duties of his office with fidelity to the Society and with kindness and courtesy to those with whom, as the representative of the Directors, he has intercourse. Simultaneously with the change of superintendents, a new housekeeper was employed.

The food bills for the year are less than those of the preceding year by \$2,853.92. This diminution of housekeeping expenses is largely owing to the close and constant supervision which Miss Gleason, the housekeeper, has given to the culinary department. Something is due, however, to the action of the Directors and the coöperation of the Medical Board with them in preventing waste by the excessive use of special diet and of unnecessarily expensive articles of special diet. Something should be allowed also for the state of the provisions market, prices having ruled lower than during the preceding year, and lower than at the present time.

The hope was expressed in the last annual report that the expenditures of the year which has now come to an end could be brought down or nearly down to the amount of income. The Prudential Committee regret that the hope has not been realized. The excess of expenditure over income is not quite so great as in the preceding year. Then it was \$3,800, this year it is about \$3,000. Of this deficit \$1,031.02 was occasioned by the fire, which occurred on the fifteenth day of October. The insurance recovered was \$2,200; the repairs and improvements in the part of the building which was damaged have cost \$3,231.02. The damage might perhaps have been made good by the expenditure of \$2,000 or a little more; but it was thought best by restoring the building to secure some useful accommodations in a portion of the edifice

which before had served only for architectural effect. The roof of the central part of the original hospital edifice having been entirely consumed, the new roof contains more and larger skylights; and by cutting windows in the side walls seven apartments have been secured in the upper story instead of three as before. These are all furnished with gas and steam heat. Warm and cold water is conveyed to the hall into which they open. The accommodations for clinical instruction have been very much improved, and a new stairway of easy ascent from the second to the third story has been built. It is believed that these improvements are worth much more than they have cost, and that they have been wisely made.

The contributions of Hospital Sunday in 1879, amounting to \$2,186.52, reduced the deficit with which we began that year to about \$1,630. This debt we have carried through the year. The deficit of 1879, added to the debt thus carried over from 1878, and the interest we have paid, makes a debt of \$4,750. The contributions of Hospital Sunday in 1880 have not yet been fully paid in, but are known to exceed \$2,400. If the donations of the year should amount to \$2,600, as there is reason to hope they will, the debt which we must carry through the coming year will be considerably less than we carried during the preceding year. Among the donations of Hospital Sunday week was one of \$2,000 from Mrs. Sarah S. Whitney, given expressly for current expenses. The Directors have great pleasure in acknowledging with thanks this munificent gift.

Another donation deserves special mention. The South American friends of Mr. S. J. Legaspi, of Valparaiso, Chile, who died in the hospital on the 24th day of October last, sent \$100 to the physicians who attended him, and, they feeling that under the rules of the hospital they could not accept the gift for themselves, handed it to the treasurer. The gift not only honors those who sent it, but illustrates the liberality of the medical gentlemen who freely give their services to the hospital.

Mr. Nelson Hotchkiss, who has recently departed this life, felt a deep interest in the hospital, giving it much of his time and thought, especially when the new building was erected. By the provisions of his will this society will, at some future time, come into possession of a sum of money

estimated, as we are informed, at not far from four or five thousand dollars.

The free beds, which are four in number since the establishment of that mentioned in the last annual report as endowed by the munificence of Mrs. Gifford, enable us to entertain that number of patients gratuitously. The Directors would be glad to have the number of free beds increased. Could a person who has \$5,000 to give in charity do a better deed than to endow a free bed in the hospital and invest some church or charitable society like the United Workers with the nomination of patients to occupy it? Could a bereaved family establish a more satisfactory memorial of a departed parent or child than a free bed in the hospital perpetuating the beloved name?

The whole number of patients during the year is 407; of whom 71 were in the hospital Dec. 31, 1878, and 336 were afterwards received. The aggregate time spent in the hospital by these patients is 5,326½ weeks, or 24,683 days. The daily average, therefore, 67½. They came from 56 towns and villages. Two hundred and twenty-two of them received the benefit of the State appropriation, the amount received for each of them from other sources being less than six dollars per week. The aggregate time during which those who partook of this charity received treatment amounts to 2,671 weeks. The State appropriation being \$5,000, affords \$1.87 for each of those weeks. In a few instances we have received no other compensation; but usually something additional is received from some other source. Towns pay \$4 per week for each patient they send; the State pays \$4.50 per week, and those patients who are able to pay something but not able to pay \$6 are admitted on such terms as seem to the Prudential Committee to be equitable.

All the branches of the Hospital League mentioned in the last annual report have increased their funds during the year. Hundreds of workmen thus secure by the payment of one dime per month the right of admission to the hospital in case of sickness or accident. The Directors would be glad to have branches of the League established in every factory, and the Prudential Committee will cheerfully explain the plan to employees and to committees of workmen who wish in some way to provide beforehand for sickness and

accident. The aggregate sum deposited by the League now amounts to \$358.10.

The Training School for Nurses finding the number of nurses allowed insufficient for the work required, asked in October that the number of pupil nurses might be increased from eleven to fourteen, and the Prudential Committee acceded to the request. We cannot too highly commend the school for the quality of the work done within the hospital, and we hear from those who have employed graduates of the institution that they regard a trained nurse as an indispensable aid in the care of the sick.*

We should do injustice to the nurses and to the physicians residing in the Hospital, did we not commend the coolness and self-possession displayed by them during the conflagration in October. Scores of helpless people, confiding in their attendants, remained in their beds while from all quarters the noise of engines was heard, and from a distant part of the building in which they lay, a column of flame and great clouds of smoke were ascending to heaven. For the quiet of that exciting hour we are indebted to the good conduct of those who were in attendance.

As in former years the Directors have occasion to thank the friends of the hospital for many and manifold favors. Several contributions were received for the festive celebration of Thanksgiving, and Mr. Henry Farnam generously provided for Christmas. The contributions of Hospital Sunday enabled us to close the account of the year with less debt than at the beginning. The proprietors of the daily papers have not only admitted into their columns our appeals for aid, but in most cases have sent their daily issues to the hospital without money and without price. Clergymen and students of theology have conducted religious services. The Board of Visitors have constantly inspected the premises and have either reported that all was satisfactory, or called attention to what needed correction.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD E. ATWATER,	} <i>President</i>
W. L. BRADLEY,	
WILLIAM GALE,	

* See Appendix.

MEDICAL STATISTICS.

MEDICAL CASES FROM JAN. 1, 1876 TO JAN. 1, 1880.

Abortion,	1	Masturbation,	2
Alcoholism,	22	Nephritis,	4
Anaemia,	1	Neuralgia,	5
Angina Pectoris,	9	Nihil,	1
Apoplexy,	2	Opium Habit,	1
Asthma,	2	Oreitis,	6
Bile duct obstructed,	1	Oxalemia,	2
Brain, tumor,	1	Paralysis, partial,	2
Bright's Disease, chronic,	1	" general,	2
Brucella,	4	" agitans,	2
Cellulitis pelvis,	1	Paraplegia,	4
Cerebro-spinal meningitis,	1	Pericarditis,	1
Colic,	1	Pentostasis,	2
" pituitaria,	3	Pharyngitis,	2
Coarctation,	1	Phthisis,	21
Delirium,	3	Pleuritis,	1
Diabetes mellitus,	1	Pneumonia,	3
Diarrhea,	4	Poisoning, lead,	4
Dysentery,	1	" copper salt,	1
Dyspepsia,	1	Pyrosis,	2
Epilepsy,	2	Pregnancy,	10
Fever, intermittent,	17	Rheumatism, acute,	4
" typhoid,	4	" chronic,	13
Gastritis,	1	Scalds,	1
Gout, rheumatic, etc.,	3	Uterus, Diseases of—	
Heart, aortic regurgitation,	2	Anthrax,	1
Hemiplegia,	5	Endometritis,	1
Hysteria,	4	Mennia,	1
Intestine,	1	Polypus,	2
Incontinence of urine,	2	Retroversion,	1
Laryngitis, chronic,	2	Vaccinia,	1
Locomotor ataxia,	1		
Lumbago,	1	Total,	143
Malaria, chronic,	1		

Tonsillitis,	1	Wound, finger,	2
Tumor, cystic,	2	hand,	1
adipose,	2	shoulder,	1
ovarian,	3	arches,	1
testock,	1	gummo,	2
Ulcer, leg,	2		
varicose,	1	Total,	19
malignant,	2		

OPERATIONS.

Amputation of fingers,	2	For prolapsus recti,	2
high,	1	Indectomy,	1
leg,	1	Laryngotomy,	1
Circumcision,	2	Lithotomy,	2
Excision of eye,	1	Ovariectomy (both removed),	2
Excision hip joint,	1	Plastic operation for hair,	1
elbow,	1	Resection uterus,	1
For gonorrheal crystalline lens,	4	cystic tumor,	1
opacities cornea,	2	sarcoma,	2
ectropion,	1	Urethrotomy, internal,	1
union of ribs,	2	external,	2
scratches of breast,	2		
ruptured perineum,	1	Total,	16
lacerated cervix uteri,	2		

NUMBER OF BIRTHS.

In January,	1	In October,	1
In May,	1	In November,	1
In July,	1		
In September,	2	Total,	4

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Abscess of Kidneys,	1	Fracture tibia and sesamoid,	1
apertis ventriculi,	1	Meningitis chronic,	2
Anaemia,	1	Myelitis,	1
Apoplexy,	1	Phthisis,	1
Bleedings and Sexility,	1	Pneumonia,	1
Bright's Disease,	2	Poisoning, carbon. vat.,	1
Cancer of Stomach,	1	Pneumia,	2
Caries of Spine,	1	Railroad injury,	2
Cerebro-spinal meningitis,	1	Tuberculosis, acute,	1
Concussion of Brain,	1	Softening of brain,	1
Convulsions uterine,	1	Typhoid Fever,	1
Epithelioma,	1		
Erysipelas facial,	1	Total,	14

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW HAVEN, January 16, 1880.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith respectfully submit the forty-third annual report of the receipts and disbursements, number of patients in the Hospital, and other items of information.

The number of patients remaining in the Hospital Dec. 31, 1878, was 71—52 males, 19 females; admitted during the year 1879, 536—345 males, 91 females, making a total of 407 under treatment—297 males, 110 females. Of this number, 167 recovered, 118 males, and 49 females. 203 were discharged improved, 25 unimproved. 38 have died, and 81 remain under treatment.

There have been 8 births; 2 males, and 4 females.

The whole number of weeks occupied was 3,526½, of which 2,671 weeks were occupied by charity patients. These patients came from 56 different towns and villages. The greatest number of patients any one day was 88, and the lowest, 47, the daily average being 67½. The attendants and other inmates of the house have averaged 42½, making a total of 110½.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, IN ACCOUNT WITH GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

Dr.

1879 To amount received	
Balance from old account, Jan. 15, 1879.	\$97.02
Self-paying patients,	4,596.49
Various towns for board of patients.	6,021.81
United States,	1,344.00
State of Connecticut,	4,893.80
State appropriation,	5,000.00
Hospital League,	453.20
Board of extra nurses,	58.34
Sundries,	925.57
Fire Insurance,	2,000.00
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	\$43,791.12
Orders on Treasurer,	26,314.97
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	\$17,476.15

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1876. By accounts paid for	
Salaries and wages.	\$5,446.94
Flour, bread, cake, pies, crackers and rice.	1,168.20
Butter and cheese.	666.27
Meat, fowl and fish.	4,358.34
Fruit and vegetables.	658.83
Groceries and eggs.	1,572.81
Milk.	2,454.51
Liquors, medicines and instruments.	2,375.29
Fuel, gas, water and ice.	5,076.21
Furniture, clothing, bedding and crockery.	936.76
Repairs and improvements.	7,091.20
Printing, stationery and postage.	526.83
Rent expenses, tools and live stock.	221.43
Insurances.	15.33
Soap and potash.	239.69
Saddles.	246.50
Total current expenses.	\$45,991.37
Fire expenses.	3,231.68
Refunded to patients.	181.68
Surpluses charged to patients and refunded.	37.60
Deposited with Treasurer.	21,158.24
Balance on hand, Jan. 15, 1886.	225.44
	<hr/> \$51,018.21
Hospital expenses in full.	51,993.37
Less board of Superintendent's family and supernumerary nurses.	925.34
	<hr/> \$25,276.09

Number of weeks of Hospital care, 3,346.	
Cost per week per patient.	\$5.168
Total cost of food.	10,309.36
Average number of inmates, 110 1/2 x 351.	
Cost of food per day per inmate.	31 3/4.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31, 1875.	53	19	72
Admitted during the year 1875.	243	90	335
Total.	297	110	407
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured.	118	41	159
Improved.	75	28	103
Disapproved.	18	7	25
Died.	26	6	31
	<hr/> 238	<hr/> 76	<hr/> 314
Remaining under treatment Dec. 31, 1875.	53	20	73
	<hr/> 297	<hr/> 110	<hr/> 407

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM JAN. 1, 1876, TO DEC. 31, 1879.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
January,	24	9	33
February,	13	5	18
March,	15	8	23
April,	15	4	22
May,	19	4	23
June,	19	7	26
July,	33	7	40
August,	14	7	21
September,	19	18	37
October,	26	13	39
November,	25	7	32
December,	24	3	27
Total,	245	90	335

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

United States,	172	Denmark,	1
Ireland,	108	Finland,	3
Germany,	27	France,	4
England,	23	Chil.,	1
Scotland,	3	Spain,	1
Sweden,	2	Austria,	1
Norway,	3	New Scotia,	1
Switzerland,	1		
Italy,	1		
Wales,	1		
			390

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 15 years,	11	10	21
From 15 to 20 years,	24	12	36
" 20 25 30 "	64	34	98
" 30 35 40 "	36	15	51
" 40 45 50 "	43	8	51
" 50 55 60 "	28	9	37
" 60 65 70 "	10	6	16
" 70 75 80 "	3	3	7
" 80 85 90 "	1	2	3
Total,	245	90	335

OCCUPATION.

Agents.....	4	Doctors.....	1	Nurses.....	1
Butchers.....	4	Dress makers.....	2	Opticians.....	1
Carriage worker.....	1	Engineers.....	3	Ornamenters.....	1
Bakers.....	1	Farmers.....	12	Painters.....	2
Barbers.....	2	Firemen.....	1	Pellies.....	2
Blacksmiths.....	4	Grinders.....	5	Porters.....	3
Brass workers.....	3	Gumsmith.....	1	Printers.....	3
Bookkeepers.....	3	Hatter.....	1	Planfiter.....	2
The conductor.....	1	Hootlers.....	2	Rubber worker.....	2
Bldg house keeper.....	1	Housekeepers.....	23	Sailors.....	44
Carpenters.....	7	Helpers.....	2	Servants.....	32
Coder.....	1	Leader dresser.....	1	Shoemakers.....	2
Corset satcher.....	1	Laborers.....	24	Soldiers.....	1
Corset maker.....	1	Machinists.....	7	Students.....	5
Car builders.....	1	Masons.....	3	Stone cutters.....	5
Clock maker.....	1	Manufacturers.....	1	Tailors.....	8
Cigar makers.....	1	Merchants.....	4	Vandies.....	1
Clerks.....	6	Molders.....	2	Washers.....	1
Cooks.....	2	Marine officer.....	1	Weavers.....	3

REPRESENTATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR
ENDING DEC. 31, 1879.

Ansonia.....	5	Meriden.....	1	Redding.....	1
Beacon Falls.....	2	Milford.....	16	Rochbury.....	1
Beardford.....	4	Middlebury.....	4	Seymour.....	3
Bridgeport.....	5	Middlebury.....	1	Stratford.....	1
Brimingham.....	4	Middletown.....	4	Southbury.....	1
Bristol.....	1	North Guilford.....	1	Stamford.....	1
Cheshire.....	1	North Branford.....	2	South Norwalk.....	1
Collierville.....	5	Norwalk.....	4	Union City.....	1
Danbury.....	3	Newtown.....	1	Wassonville Point.....	1
Delby.....	5	New Britain.....	2	Winsted.....	6
Deep River.....	1	New Haven.....	231	Wolcott.....	1
East Haven.....	1	Norfolk.....	1	Westport.....	1
Guilford.....	1	Naugusset.....	1	Wallingford.....	4
Habron.....	4	Norwich.....	2	Warren.....	1
Hartford.....	3	North Haven.....	2	Waterbury.....	9
Hartington.....	1	New London.....	1	Wolcottville.....	1
Hartford.....	3	Orange.....	1	Woodbury.....	1
Hartford.....	4	Old Lyme.....	1	Watertown.....	2
Madison.....	5	Plymouth.....	1		

STATEMENT OF DONATIONS RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1879.

- Hachi-naka, two packages under-clothing for children and adults.
Hachi-naka, two packages under-clothing.
Hachi-naka, bundle of women's under-clothing.
Hachi-naka, one dozen men and women's under-clothing.
Mr. Trodwell Ketchum, one basket oranges.
Hachi-naka, infants' dresses, and children's new under-garments.
Miss Elliott, bundle old linen and cotton.
Unknown, package under-garments and old linen.
Miss Woolsey, old linen, two flannel dressing-gowns, four flannel jackets.
Mrs. Charles H. Parmen, package children's clothing.
Mrs. E. E. Atwater, basket of flowers.
Mrs. Everett, basket of flowers.
Bethany Sunday School, basket of oranges.
Church of the Messiah, floral cross.
Decorative Day Committee, large floral ornament.
Mrs. Francis Bacon, four dozen palm leaf fans.
Mrs. Everett, flowers, weekly.
Miss Barnwell, old linen, etc.
Mrs. Ketchum, basket of peaches.
Mrs. Everett, basket of pears.
Mrs. Everett, flowers.
Several friends, flowers weekly.
Several friends, floral cross.
Mrs. Everett, half bushel of pears.
Mrs. Isaac Kimberly, one dressing-gown, two pair slippers, old linen,
flowers.
Mrs. E. C. Read, basket of pears and apples.
Mrs. Everett, basket of flowers.
Mrs. Franklin S. Bradley, large bundle of under-clothing and linen garments, nine pairs stockings.
Levi C. Gilbert, bundle of old cotton and garments.
Mrs. Reed, old linen and cotton.
Mrs. Bartlett, old linen and cotton.
Mrs. Catterden, old linen and cotton.
Miss Josie Newton, two boxes blocks and dishes.
Mrs. Hotchkiss, bundle of old cotton.
Unknown, four pairs men's drawers, two shirts, one dressing-gown, two linen suits, and old linen.
Miss North, large bundle under-clothes and linen.
Unknown, bundle of linen and cotton under-clothes.
Miss Sarah Merwin, bundle of linen.
Mrs. Philander Miller, three shirts, one pair drawers, linen pieces.
Mrs. Wm. Goodwin, one woman's wrapper.

- Mrs. Richards, old linen.
 Miss Bradley, old cotton.
 Mrs. Samuel H. Chase, four night-shirts.
 Ladies of St. James Church, Westville, sixty button-hole bouquiers.
 Mrs. Dr. Alling, three pairs stockings, one night-gown, four shirts, one night-shirt, seven collars.
 Unknown, bundle of linen.
 Miss Morris, bundle of linen.
 Mrs. Mitchell, four night-shirts, stockings, drawers, neck ties, two pairs linen under-garments.
 Dr. Chapman, a number of books and magazines, Littel's Living Age, Wallingford, bundle of old cotton.
 Henry B. Harrison, old cotton, linen, cotton and woolen under-garments.
 Unknown, four shirts, two under-shirts, three pair drawers.
 35 Vernon street, six shirts.
 A. L. Kidston, one pair pantaloons, two pairs drawers.
 Mrs. Bacon, one under-shirt, two night-shirts, two shirts, old linen, etc.
 Mrs. Chatfield, one pair pantaloons, one shirt, four under-garments.
 Nelson Hall, magazines.
 Judge Betts, papers and magazines.
 John T. Brown, Norwich, one camp chair.
 Dr. Carnalt, one hand mirror.
 Mrs. Samuel Miller, papers.
 Mrs. Henry Farnum, six sheets and six pillow cases.
 Mrs. Charles Wilson, papers.
 Mrs. Henry Lines, magazines.
 Rev. J. W. Denton, papers.
 Mrs. E. M. Casfield, magazines.
 F. C. Gilbert, papers and magazines.
 Unknown, eight shirts.
 H. W. Bondy, books and papers.
 Rev. J. W. Denton, magazines and papers.
 Mrs. Samuel Miller, papers and magazines.
 Mrs. J. M. Davis, bundle of papers.
 Miss F. A. Bensell, large number of books for library.
 Rev. J. W. Denton, papers.
 Mrs. Samuel Miller, papers and magazines.
 Mrs. Cowles, pamphlets.
 James G. Brown, twelve numbers Illustrated History of the War.
 Rev. J. W. Denton, papers and magazines.
 Mrs. Mary W. Nicholson, one dozen tumbler's jelly.
 Mr. H. F. Clark, Newburgh, N. Y., illustrated papers.
 Mrs. Samuel Miller, papers and magazines.
 Levi C. Gilbert, bundle old cotton.
 G. O. Courtenden, half bushel pears and package of clothing.
 Mrs. Nicholson, one large basket pears.
 Marcus Burwell, one turkey.
 Robert Morgan, one half gas furnace.

For Thanksgiving.

A Friend, one turkey.
 Mrs. Evans, two turkeys.
 Wm. Armstrong, two turkeys.
 Mrs. Thomas Wells, one turkey.
 Mrs. Wai, Fifth, one turkey.
 Mrs. E. Malley, two turkeys.
 Mrs. George Rich, one turkey.
 Fredrick Kitcham, two turkeys.
 Dr. T. H. Bishop, one turkey.
 Dr. E. H. Bishop, one turkey.
 Dr. Bradley, one turkey.
 Mrs. Watkins, one turkey.
 Mrs. Joseph Bicker, one turkey.
 S. H. Moseley, two turkeys.
 A Friend, one turkey.
 Mrs. G. F. Winchester, two turkeys.
 Brewster & Plumb, one turkey.
 Mrs. Cowles, one turkey.
 Mrs. Paul Whitney, two pounds grapes, one dozen oranges.
 H. T. Hulse, cash, \$5.00.
 Rev. C. H. Williams, cash, \$2.00.

For Christmas.

Henry Farnam, cash, \$50.00 to be devoted to the patients' comfort and pleasure.
 Mrs. Henry L. Hotchkiss, for Stuart Hotchkiss, box of toys.
 Miss Rose Porter, Christmas cards.
 Miss Talbot, Stratford, Christmas cards.
 Mrs. J. H. Latham, Christmas cards and fruit.
 Miss Jegerwall, five pairs stockings, filled.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS, 1879.

IN CHURCHES.

Center, Congregational,	\$445.75
North, "	135.10
Third, "	42.57
Ch. of the Redeemer, Congregational,	82.00
Davenport, Congregational,	53.00
Dwight Place, "	54.75
East, "	40.00
Howard Ave., "	30.00
Taylor, "	4.00
First, Fair Haven, "	24.00
First, Derby, "	25.10
Northford, "	2.00
First Baptist,	59.75
Calvary, "	20.00
Trinity, Lutheran,	6.25
Trinity, Protestant Episcopal,	671.45
St. Paul's, "	87.51
St. Thomas, "	35.70
Christ, "	5.55
St. John's, "	23.14
Ch. of the Ascension, Protestant Episcopal,	13.00
Trinity Chapel, "	1.00
Grace, Fair Haven, "	8.00
St. James, Fair Haven, "	15.00
First Methodist,	59.72
George Street, Methodist,	8.30
Wesley Chapel, "	10.00
Ch. of the Sacred Heart, Catholic,	55.00
St. John's, Catholic,	28.00

BY INDIVIDUALS.

Prof. Salisbury,	\$ 25.00
Prof. Dexter,	10.00
Henry O. Houghton,	600.00

Total contributions, \$1,256.52

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Presidential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Visitors have the honor of presenting to you, and through you to the public, their final report for the current year.

They have made about fifty visits to the Hospital during the year. They have found the objects of the institution conscientiously and intelligently promoted, and have observed valuable improvements by which the conditions of successful treatment are better secured than ever before. Complaints on the part of patients are very rare, and warm commendation is frequent. A striking proof of the confidence inspired by the trained nurses and others in charge was given at the late fire. A helpless cripple said that he was not frightened when the flames were bursting through the roof of the adjoining building, because he knew that he would be taken care of. There has been the utmost readiness to correct defects and no disposition to conceal them. The general condition of the Hospital in these respects is, as it has always been within the knowledge of the present members of the board, worthy of all praise. Their judgment may easily be verified by any persons who choose to visit the institution. Such visits, however, are seldom made, whether because the residents of New Haven and its neighborhood are satisfied with the administration of the hospital, or because they are quite indifferent about the matter. Probably they are fairly well satisfied and a good deal indifferent.

But public apathy with regard to a matter of public interest is a serious, in the present case it is an alarming, evil. The Hospital is a charity of a high class and on a large scale. It is the agent of this community in doing a work which no civilized community can leave undone without disgrace. Its position has been clearly defined from the time when the

Medical Association of New Haven inaugurated the enterprise in 1826. The second article of their preliminary agreement provides that "the Hospital shall be a charitable institution, and that no physician or surgeon shall receive any compensation for his services." These provisions were inserted in the charter and have been fulfilled as far as our physicians could secure their fulfillment. They have not been wholly unseconded. Those who from time to time have assumed the heavy burden of watching over the institution have given money as well as time and thought, often in sums wholly out of proportion to their share of obligation. Just before the new building was occupied seven years ago, the Visitors' report stated that the directors had thus far provided for emergencies by begging, "generally of each other." Another sentence in the same report, addressed to your predecessors in office, bears witness to the absence of active sympathy outside the limits of the Hospital Society: "If ever a great public charity lived along from hand to mouth, it has been the charity whose affairs you administer." The lack, here indirectly referred to, of endowments on an extensive scale, is the standing reproach of New Haven and the other towns which the Hospital serves. That "charitable institution" which the Medical Association supposed themselves to have established has existed chiefly in virtue of the fact that they and their successors have worked for nothing. They would have better secured the fulfillment of the first clause of their provision on the subject had they omitted the second, and exacted full payment for every visit and every operation, placing the money in the Hospital treasury. They might then long ago have endowed it themselves.

By the mutual begging of the directors, however, and the charges made for the board and lodging of the sick poor, with some help, to be cheerfully and gratefully acknowledged from other quarters, the Hospital has, until lately, been able to keep out of debt. But two years ago the public was shocked by the announcement that an unendowed charity was not paying its own expenses. The excuses offered by the almsmen of the public were, nevertheless, indulgently accepted, and principally through the medium of the first Hospital Sunday, their obligations were cancelled. But a second and a third yearly deficit seem to have been almost too much

for the public patience. The second Hospital Sunday yielded far less than the first, and it would appear that but for one large individual gift, the third would have yielded still less, while neither the second nor the third freed the institution from debt. It has been treated somewhat like a reckless spendthrift, who may for once be helped out of his difficulties, but after that must make the best of them. And yet we all know that the Hospital revenue is devoted to the relief of suffering; that spright men are using their best judgment in expending it, and welcome candid criticism; that the gifts of the charitable have not grown with the growing demands upon this charity, and that a deficit is inevitable till they do; and finally, that a yearly debt, with the loss of courage and hopefulness which it causes in those who are presumed to be responsible, threatens us not only with disgrace but with disaster. The first victims would be the most helpless and needy, but our university, which now gives a prominent place in its catalogue to the opportunities afforded by the Hospital to its medical students, would suffer, and the wealthiest of our citizens, who have learned to depend on the Training School and its graduates for services scarcely less valued than those of the family physician, would suffer more. How seriously we are threatened with such a calamity as the closing of the Hospital it is not for the Board of Visitors to say; they have heard it discussed with apparent seriousness. But it certainly is not well that the agents of our charities should be repeatedly tempted to abandon their task: no set of men will go on forever making bricks without straw.

It may be that a better way of securing needed help can be devised than that furnished by a Hospital Sunday. It has, however, had at least the advantage of revealing the depth and extent of the general indifference. Not far from half the congregations of the town made no response this year, while, although about sixty towns and villages were represented among the patients in the year 1878, contributions have been received from only four churches outside of New Haven. But this method has been found successful elsewhere, and it has had the approval of the class to whose the appeal is made. A few weeks ago the leading journal of the Protestant Episcopal Church (*The Christian*) gave a paragraph devoted to the Hospital Saturday and Sunday, then just at hand in

New York, a place at the head of its column, and expressed the hope that everybody would "on that day feel called on to contribute liberally to that good work." In its last issue the *Catholic* says with respect to hospitals and other enterprises for the general good, "One can not excuse himself from taking part in the organizations to these ends, on the ground that the Church means them all, unless he makes the local church declare its hidden power." Which is much the same as saying that no church should refuse to help a general hospital unless it has a hospital of its own. Some of our poorest congregations, by the way, took part in the recent contribution, and they probably find themselves no poorer.

It will not be supposed that such an appeal to the churches implies that only church-members are benevolent. The records of this Hospital prove the contrary, and there are everywhere, outside even the class of church-goers, those who give gladly and freely for humanity's sake. But it is fair to assume that large-hearted men and women will be found most numerous in religious assemblies. The institution of Hospital Sunday is a tribute to religion, and one offered, in effect, by representatives of physical science, the medical profession. It was hardly to be expected that religion would decline such a tribute from such a source. And while the appeal is not made to Christians alone, but to religious men in the widest sense, it is a fact for Christians to think of that in the present case a contribution three times as large as the average of the rest has come from the Congregation *Mishkan Israel*.

The Board of Visitors have felt that as, on the one hand, familiar with the condition of the Hospital while not responsible for its management, and as, on the other hand, representing the thousands who are, consciously or otherwise, interested in its welfare and responsible for its support, they could use entire freedom in setting forth the claims of the former and the duties of the latter. They are perfectly sure that those on whose behalf they act are not really indifferent to human suffering. Their tasks of other kinds have given some of them a large acquaintance with the feeling of New Haven people towards the unfortunate, and they know that it often needs less to be stimulated than guided or even checked. It is only necessary in order to

excite active sympathy that a case should be clearly understood. And, in spite of some discouraging experience, they are not yet convinced that in the matter of the Hospital this community is doomed to "invisible ignorance."

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. ANDREWS,
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*Board of
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New Haven, January 24, 1886.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Applications for the admission of patients should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, and should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital, New Haven, Conn. In accordance with the regulations of the Hospital, the Superintendent, as the representative of the Prædial Committee, arranges the terms of admission according to the circumstances of the case and the accommodations required.

2. The nursing is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. The ordinary charge per week for accommodations in the Warls is \$6.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing.

4. Private rooms are furnished at \$12.00 or more per week, according to the requirements of the case.

5. Persons partly supported by the town in which they reside and partly by the State appropriation, are admitted on an order from the town authorities. Town patients are received at \$4.00 per week, the remainder is paid out of the State Appropriation.

6. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war, and now residents, are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability contracted in the service.

7. Sailors, whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund, are admitted on the order of the collector of the Port of New Haven.

8. Persons carried directly to the Hospital from the place of accident are admitted immediately.

9. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

10. *Infectious persons* and those suffering from *contagious diseases* are not admitted.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

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In consideration of the admission of _____ of _____ into the Institution of the "General Hospital Society of Connecticut," at New Haven, I engage to provide, or pay for, a sufficiency of clothing for _____ use, and pay to the Treasurer of said Institution _____ dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance, and to cause said patient to be removed when discharged, without expense to said Institution, and, in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

Principal.

For value received, I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulations.

Surety.

APPENDIX.

CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Training School for Nurses has been established for six years. At first the number of pupils was limited to six; within two years it was increased to eleven, and these not being sufficient to meet the many demands for special and continuous attention which critical cases required, the Prudential Committee consented last November to provide board and washing for fourteen pupils. These remain in the hospital for one year and pursue their studies and daily routine of work under the superintendence of the head nurse. Instruction is also given by physicians at the bedside of the patients, and by lectures. Each nurse is assigned to one ward or department for several weeks, and in the course of a year has studied surgical, medical, and obstetrical nursing, and also the preparation of special dishes suitable for invalids and convalescents. Symptom records are kept which enable the physician to ascertain the varied phases of the disease since he last saw the patient.

At the close of the year of study the nurse has a vacation of one month, and then returns to take for five months such cases of private practice as shall be assigned to her. Her home is in the hospital when her services are not called for elsewhere, and the school pays for all the nurses there in excess of the number allowed.

There have been thirty-three nurses connected with the school during the past year. Seven have graduated, six are ready for cases of private practice, fourteen are pursuing their studies, five failed to give satisfaction during the month of probation, and one left on account of illness.

The hospital authorities appreciate most highly the advantages of having this school established here. Those who enter it either have a special gift for nursing, or with a true spirit of self-sacrifice have devoted themselves to the noble work of

ministering to others, consequently the duties of that department are performed more faithfully and more skillfully than in former years when it was thought that strength was the only requisite in a nurse.

Those wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the Secretary of the Society, whom, if approved by the Executive Committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the hospital. The candidates must be over twenty and under forty years of age, and must present a certificate from a clergyman and physician as to their good moral character and sound health. They will be received for one month on probation and without compensation.

Information concerning the School will be furnished by the President, Vice President, or other members of the Executive Committee.

The Fall Term of the School begins October 1st, the Spring Term April 1st. Pupils are received from any State.

Applications for admission should be made as early as possible before the commencement of the terms, to the Secretary, Miss Betts, 37 Hillhouse avenue, New Haven.

Physicians or others in any part of the state desiring to secure the services of trained nurses for men or women, medical or surgical patients, should apply by telegraph or letter, stating the nature of the case, to the Superintendent of Nursing, New Haven Hospital.

The price per week for the services of a trained nurse is \$12.00, unless two members of the family are ill at the same time, when there will be a slight additional charge. It can not be too strongly impressed upon the public that it is surer economy, and safer for the patient, to employ a reliable nurse, rather than to indulge in a natural but misplaced sentiment, which sacrifices the strength of an entire family to the care of one invalid member.

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FOR THE YEAR 1880.

Presented at the Annual Meeting January 27th 1881.

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Now. I give and bequeath to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, in the City of New Haven, the sum of dollars, to be paid by my Executors, out of my real or personal estate, as soon as the settlement of my affairs will permit, to the Treasurer of said Institution for the time being, in trust, to be applied by the Directors thereof to the humane purposes of said Institution.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut respectfully present to the Society their fifty-fourth annual report as prepared by the prudential committee and adopted by the directors.

The year 1880 at the hospital has been a very active one. It opened with 81 patients under treatment, and closes with 32 present on the 31st December, 1880. The whole number of those who have been treated is 521. There have been 446 admitted during the year, 373 discharged, and 56 have died. There have been 17 births. The average attendance has been 81½ as against an average of 67½ for 1879, and 60 for 1878. These figures show the increase of the work. For the last six months also we have had an unusually large proportion of acute cases.

The entire cost of maintaining the hospital service, exclusive of some extraordinary repairs, has been \$28,672.16. Of this sum \$25,201.33 has been supplied by earnings. The balance has been made up by the contributions of Hospital Sunday, by private donations, and by the small income derived from the funds of the Society. Conspicuous among the donations have been the liberal gifts of one thousand dollars each from the Hon. Henry Farnam and from Mrs. Eli Whitney, Jr.

We have spent the sum of \$1,406.71 in much needed and radical improvements in the water and steam plumbings of the wards. The money for this was supplied by the estate of the late Miss Hannah D. Buck, who, in return for eight years of care and support from the society, left to it all her property, amounting to about \$1,500 in savings-bank deposits. As this money had been more than earned by the Hospital during the life of the giver, it was not regarded as an addition to the permanent fund, but as income, to be used for current necessities. Its expenditure has secured an entire rebuilding of the water system of the new part of the hospital building, an improvement in its sewerage, and a much needed increase in the supply of hot water for the north ward. Some attempt has been made also, to remedy the defective ventilation of the east and west wards.

The average cost of the entire support of each patient has been \$6.35 per week. The daily cost of food per inmate has been 25½ cents. The deficiency in the earnings of the Hospital has been \$3,470.83 as against \$2,426.82 for the year 1879. The year was begun with an indebtedness of something over four thousand dollars, of which two thousand dollars still remain unpaid, in the form of the society's note, on which interest has been paid. We are happy to say that no new indebtedness has been incurred in the last twelve months, but that we have paid all the accounts of the last quarter, and have remaining a balance on the year's business of \$163.15, cash. It is hoped that the liberality of the friends of the society will enable us to retire this indebtedness in the course of the current year. If the work of the hospital is as great as it has been, there will be a probable difference between regular receipts and expenditures of \$3,000.00. This, with the \$7,000 indebtedness, makes the sum to be supplied, in order that we may close the year out of debt, \$2,000.

Regarding the year that has just closed as an evidence of what the Hospital needs when it is doing about all the work for which it has capacity, we find it an urgent reminder of the propriety of establishing a sufficient guarantee fund to meet possible deficiencies. The experience of the year ought also to make the establishment of such a fund easier, for it shows that so long as the citizens of New Haven continue their liberal donations, there will be no call upon the subscribers to the fund.

While for the detailed statistics of the year we must refer to the reports of the various departments, which are appended to this report, there are some general features that demand attention. The increased work of the last quarter caused the Connecticut Training School for Nurses to ask for permission to increase their force of pupil nurses. This permission has been granted to the extent of the present accommodations of the hospital buildings. The school is now allowed nineteen, including the head nurse, which is all for which we have room. This will give a force ample for all probable demands, and will, we hope, prevent the recurrence of such a period of over work as that from which the nurses have suffered during the last quarter. The thanks of the society are due to those ladies of the city who, when there was a pressure of work, and some of

the nurses were ill from over exertion, themselves entered the wards and assumed the nurses' duties. In regard to the work of the nurses during the entire year, we can only repeat the commendations which our predecessors have invariably given them for their faithfulness, unselfishness and efficiency, qualities which have been abundantly displayed under the experienced management of Miss Barrett, the present head nurse. Both the school and the hospital suffered a loss in the resignation of Miss Bundy, whose skill, tact and administrative capacity were felt in every department of her work.

In connection with the Training School we would like to bring to your attention the advantages which would follow the building of a separate house for the nurses upon the hospital grounds. We believe that this is included in the plans of the managers of the school, and we are of opinion that it would prove a benefit to the hospital as well to the nurses. We would suggest, therefore, that such action by the Hospital Society, as may be necessary to allow of the building of such a house by the Training School, be taken at an early day.

In the present condition of the hospital buildings the great defect encountered is the inefficiency of our system of ventilation. In the cold season, when windows must be closed, it is a very difficult, in fact impossible task to keep the wards east and west supplied with both warm and fresh air. The prudential committee, after struggling with the problem for the past few months, have no solution to offer. They can only insist upon the presence of the evil, and have asked the directors to refer it to an expert. They believe that it would be found profitable to employ some one experienced in the ventilation of hospital wards, to examine our building and advise us of the reasons why our flues and ventilating apparatus do not do the work, and to suggest, if possible, a remedy. They had hoped that some slight changes made this autumn would make the ventilation more perfect. While they have prevented some evils to which the wards were before exposed, they have not yet made the ventilation by any means what it ought to be. Further changes they do not think it would be wise to make without the help of suggestions, at least, from those who have made ventilation and heating the subject of special study.

A change has been made in the dispensary by placing Mr

George Blunt in the position of apothecary. We are glad to say that the change has worked satisfactorily. The work of the drug room is well and promptly done, and a good amount of clerical work in the superintendent's office is taken in charge by the apothecary. Miss Gleason, the house-keeper, felt compelled to resign her place in the summer, and Mrs. McLean now fills the position very acceptably. She has given evidence of both experience and capacity. A loss which we have had greatly to deplore was caused by the sudden death of our associate upon the board, Dr. S. Henry Benson. By his attainments and his natural gifts he was especially fitted for the work of the prudential committee. He was careful, painstaking, unswerving in his attention to details, sober and sagacious in his judgment, methodical and industrious, and withal of such even temper and attractive character, that association with him was a pleasure. We felt his death as both a personal loss and a misfortune to the hospital.

Many times during the year the prudential committee have had occasion to acknowledge their obligations to the committee which preceded them. The chairman elected in January, 1888, Mr. William Gale, resigned in April, because of leaving the country to be gone several years. The efforts of his vigorous and successful administration of the business of the committee have continued, and in general our work has been carried on in the lines into which he directed it.

In closing we take pleasure in commending the faithfulness and efficiency of the present superintendent, Mr. J. H. Starkweather. He has heartily executed the plans and wishes of the committee for the good of the hospital. In the other attendants also, we have found ready and capable assistants in the work. We have to thank the board of visitors for their careful attention to a duty that is not always a pleasant one, and for their intelligent and helpful suggestions. Acknowledgments are also due to the citizens of New Haven, by whose liberality special provision was made for the festivals of Thanksgiving and Christmas, and to the disinterested efforts of the clergymen who have conducted the Sunday evening services in the chapel.

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MEDICAL STATISTICS.

MEDICAL CASES TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL FROM JANUARY 1, 1880, TO JANUARY 1, 1881.

Abortion,.....	1	Hysteria,.....	5
Alcoholism,.....	23	Laryngitis, chronic,.....	1
Anæmia,.....	2	Jaundice,.....	1
" cerebral,.....	1	Locomotor ataxia,.....	2
Apoplexy,.....	2	Malaria, irregular,.....	3
Asthma,.....	1	Measles,.....	3
Basis, softening of,.....	1	Mental derangement,.....	1
Bright's Disease, chronic,.....	4	Mitritis,.....	1
Brucella,.....	3	Myelitis, chronic,.....	3
" chronic,.....	1	Nephritis, chronic,.....	1
Catalepsy,.....	1	" acute,.....	1
Cellulitis pyæmic,.....	1	Nid,.....	8
Clonus,.....	1	Oedema of Lung,.....	1
Colic pyæmic,.....	2	Paralysis, agone,.....	2
Condensation,.....	17	" partial,.....	2
Congestion, cerebral,.....	1	" general,.....	1
Constipation, chronic,.....	2	Paraplegia,.....	2
Debility,.....	6	Pericarditis,.....	2
Diabetes, chronic,.....	3	Pericarditis,.....	1
Desquama,.....	0	Pituitary,.....	2
Dysentery,.....	1	" chronic,.....	1
Erysipela,.....	1	Pneumonia,.....	6
Epididymitis,.....	2	" double,.....	2
Epilepsy,.....	5	" unilateral,.....	1
Fever, intermittent, quartan,.....	8	Plithasis, palmar,.....	20
" " tertian,.....	14	Pilonic, opora,.....	1
" perniciosa,.....	2	" isoleucic acid and phosphoric,.....	1
" remittent,.....	3	Pregnancy,.....	4
" typhoenterial,.....	2	Illusionation, acute,.....	9
Fetorid,.....	1	" chronic,.....	11
Gastritis, acute,.....	1	Indola,.....	1
" subacute,.....	2	Scabies,.....	3
" chronic,.....	1	Seridly,.....	8
Heart, aortic regurgit,.....	1	Spermatophora,.....	1
" mitral,.....	2	Tumefaction,.....	2
" latty degeneration,.....	1	Tuberculosis, acute,.....	2
" functional disorder,.....	2	Typus Pneumonia,.....	2
Hemiplegia,.....	4		
Hypochondriasis,.....	1		

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW HAVES, January 17, 1891.

To the Præsidential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :

GENTLEMEN —I herewith respectfully submit the fifty-fourth annual report of receipts and disbursements, number of patients in hospital, and other statistics of the last year's business. The number of patients remaining in the hospital December 31, 1879, was 81—62 males, 19 females; admitted during the year 1880, 446—282 males, 154 females, making a total of 627 under treatment—354 males, 167 females. Of this number, 186 recovered, 184 males, 63 females. 125 were discharged improved, 53 unimproved; 56 have died, and 94 remained under treatment December 31, 1880.

There have been 17 births; 8 males, 9 females.

The whole number of weeks occupied was 4,274½, of which 3,518½ weeks were occupied by charity patients, or those not paying full rates. These come from 54 different towns and villages. The greatest number of patients any one day was 92, the least 72; the daily average being 81½. The attendants and other inmates of the house have averaged 44½, making total of 196½.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, IN ACCOUNT WITH GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

Dr.

1880. To amount received:	
Balance from old account, Jan. 16, 1880,	\$222.44
Self-paying patients,	4,897.81
Various towns for board of patients,	8,440.01
United States	412.73
State of Connecticut	5,245.35
State appropriation,	5,000.00
Hospital League,	97.26
Summers,	1,097.18
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	\$25,454.77
Orders on Treasurer,	26,474.25
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	\$51,899.80

1880 By amounts paid for:

Flour, (8,540 lbs.,)	4135.30
Meal and Rice,	167.68
Bread and Crackers, (91,406) (lbs.,)	968.72
Cakes and Pies,	137.50
Butter, (4,659) (lbs.,)	1,653.85
Cheese, (525 lbs.,)	72.60
Meat, (35,552) (lbs.,)	3,587.71
Poultry, (1,902) (lbs.,)	363.76
Fish and Oysters, (106) (galls.,)	455.86
Vegetables and Fruit,	782.22
Eggs, (3,694) (doz.,)	517.43
Groceries,	1,513.77
Milk, (45,478 quarts,)	2,033.33
Ice, (150,559 lbs.,)	671.84
Liquors,	124.53
Ale and Beer,	233.98
Medicines,	1,025.75
Instrumenta,	587.85
Surgical Dressings,	468.65
Fuel,	2,336.45
Gas,	829.34
Water,	120.99
Furniture and Crockery,	488.27
Cloths and Bedding,	506.29
Repairs and Improvements,	2,849.41
Postage, Printing and Stationery,	220.25
Barn and Farm Expenses,	94.11
Salaries and Wages,	6,532.22
Potash and Soap,	85.52
Insurance,	424.88
Sundries,	220.59
Total current expenses,	\$28,672.16
Special improvements, (Buck Fund,)	1,466.71
" " (H. W. Furness,)	95.02
Retained to patients,	573.14
Deposited with Treasurer,	21,287.82
Balance on hand, Jan. 17, 1881,	563.15
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	\$51,966.00

Total current Hospital expenses,	28,672.16
Less board of Superintendent's family and others,	672.97
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	\$51,966.19

Number of weeks of hospital care, 4,324½.

Cost per week per patient.

\$6.25

Total cost of food.

\$1,790.70

Average daily number of inmates, 126½.

Cost of food per day per inmate.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31, 1879.	62	18	80
Admitted during the year 1880.	289	131	440
Total.	351	179	520
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured.	132	63	195
Improved.	90	45	125
Unimproved.	32	21	53
Died.	35	20	55
	389	149	429
Remaining under treatment Dec. 31, 1880.	71	21	92
	351	179	520

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM JAN. 1, 1880 TO DEC. 31, 1880.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
January.	32	6	38
February.	24	4	28
March.	19	11	30
April.	21	12	33
May.	24	20	44
June.	29	18	47
July.	27	19	46
August.	18	17	35
September.	26	16	42
October.	28	15	43
November.	31	7	37
December.	31	19	42
Total.	389	151	540

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

United States.	228	Denmark.	1
Ireland.	121	Finland.	1
Germany.	24	France.	2
England.	31	New Scotia.	1
Scotland.	9	Canada.	5
Sweden.	1	Mexico.	1
Norway.	1	Unknown.	2
Switzerland.	2		
Italy.	1		440

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 15 years,	16	13	29
From 15 to 20 years,	14	12	26
" 20 to 30 "	61	49	110
" 30 to 40 "	74	35	109
" 40 to 50 "	68	28	96
" 50 to 60 "	28	11	40
" 60 to 70 "	53	8	61
" 70 to 80 "	5	4	9
" 80 to 100 "		1	1
Total.	289	151	440

TIME OCCUPIED BY THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF PATIENTS.

U. S. Marine Patients,	61 2.7 weeks
State Soldier "	1186 6.3 "
Town "	3076 3.7 "
Self-Paying "	230 3.7 "
Free Bed "	137 "
Charity "	77 "
	4,274 2.7

OCCUPATION.

Bakers.....	4	Cooks.....	2	Joiners.....	6
Beer bottler.....	1	Copper roller.....	1	Laborers.....	44
Beer makers.....	2	Cutlers.....	3	Lawyer.....	1
Blacksmiths.....	5	Dye master.....	1	Letter carrier.....	1
Book-keeper.....	1	Doctors.....	3	Livery stable.....	1
Box makers.....	2	Dress makers.....	3	Lock maker.....	1
Bookmen.....	2	Electro-plater.....	1	Locksmith.....	1
Dance workers.....	5	Expocummen.....	1	Marshallers.....	6
Brewers.....	2	Factory girl.....	1	Masons.....	7
Brickmakers.....	2	Farmers.....	15	Match maker.....	1
Brokers.....	8	Pratt Gasket.....	1	Mechanics.....	5
Buckle maker.....	1	Gardeners.....	2	Miller.....	1
Butchers.....	2	Grindless.....	4	Merchants.....	5
Car builder.....	1	Gun makers.....	2	Molders.....	29
Carpenters.....	3	Hackman.....	1	Nurse.....	1
Carriage painters.....	2	Harness maker.....	1	Optician.....	1
Chair maker.....	1	Helper.....	1	Organ makers.....	2
Clerks.....	2	Roofers.....	1	Painters.....	2
Coach makers.....	2	House keeper.....	1	Podiatrist.....	1
Connect telegraph.....	1	Jagunzer.....	1	Photographers.....	2

OCCUPATION—Continued.

Plasterer,.....	1	Servants,.....	24	Teacher,.....	1
Pipe maker,.....	1	Shoe makers,.....	3	Teamsters,.....	5
Plumber,.....	1	Silver plater,.....	1	Tool painter,.....	1
Polishers,.....	2	Soldiers,.....	2	Turner,.....	1
Pressman,.....	1	Soldier,.....	1	Veterinary surgeon,.....	1
Printer,.....	1	Spoon maker,.....	1	Waitress,.....	2
Restaurant keeper,.....	1	Stem filter,.....	2	Washer,.....	1
Rubber workers,.....	2	Store keeper,.....	1	Wire drawers,.....	2
Salesman,.....	4	Straw cutter,.....	1	Wood choppers,.....	1
Saloon keepers,.....	2	Stakeholder,.....	2	Wood worker,.....	1
Sawyer,.....	1	Swickman,.....	1		
Seaman,.....	22	Tailors,.....	4		

REPRESENTATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR
ENDING DEC. 31, 1890.

Ansonia,.....	16	Harwinton,.....	1	Stratford,.....	1
Bacon Falls,.....	1	Hartford,.....	4	Southbury,.....	1
Branford,.....	3	Mashew,.....	1	Southington,.....	7
Bridgport,.....	11	Mystic River,.....	1	Stamford,.....	3
Brimingham,.....	3	Morris,.....	1	Thomaston,.....	3
Bethel,.....	1	Meriden,.....	26	Union City,.....	1
Chester,.....	1	Millington,.....	2	Voluntown,.....	1
Cheshire,.....	2	Middlebury,.....	1	Wallington,.....	11
Collinsville,.....	3	Middletown,.....	1	Waterbury,.....	5
Columbia,.....	1	Norfolk,.....	1	Watertown,.....	1
Danbury,.....	1	New Britain,.....	1	Westbrook,.....	1
Derby,.....	4	New Haven,.....	212	West Haven,.....	1
Deep River,.....	4	Naugatuck,.....	6	Wethers,.....	1
East Haven,.....	3	North Haven,.....	6	Westport,.....	1
East Hampton,.....	1	Orange,.....	1	Westville,.....	5
Fair Haven,.....	6	Plymouth,.....	1	Whitseyville,.....	1
Groton,.....	2	Rockland,.....	1	Windsorville,.....	4
Helen,.....	2	Seymour,.....	1	Woodbury,.....	2

STATEMENT OF DONATIONS RECEIVED AT THE
HOSPITAL FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1880.

- Rev. Mr. Denison, papers and magazines.
 Mrs. Samuel Miller, papers and magazines.
 Mrs. Alfred Blackman, magazines and books.
 Lucius Atwater, magazines and books.
 Mrs. Hogan, papers.
 Dr. T. H. Bishop, magazines and backgammon board.
 Mrs. Hall, papers.
 Mrs. Samuel Kennedy, sewing papers.
 Mrs. G. H. Bennett, magazines.
 Mrs. Joseph Parker, books and magazines.
 S. B. Hemingway, magazines.
 J. B. Baldwin, bundle of old lines, books and papers.
 F. L. Verrill, magazines.
 Mrs. Sheldon, bundle of old needles.
 Mrs. O'Connell, papers.
 Mrs. Noah Porter, 7 books for library.
 Henry L. Cannon, 7 vols. Harper's Magazines.
 Mrs. Dr. Blake, 1st magazines, 3 vols. magazines, board.
 Mrs. Wm. Tyler, magazines and papers.
 S. H. Lyman, magazines.
 H. Foote, papers.
 Yale Library, books.
 Mrs. Samuel Miller, books and papers.
 Mrs. Dr. Carmalt, magazines.
 W. B. Penn, books for library.
 H. B. Harrison, books for library.
 Mrs. Farnam, 3 pillow cases, 2 pair sheets.
 Mrs. French, papers and magazines.
 Miss Bristol, books and magazines.
 Mrs. Francis Bacon, 2 bibles, and 2 copies of testament and psalms for wards.
 Friend, papers.
 Mrs. O. F. Winchester, basket cut flowers.
 Mrs. S. E. Merwin, bouquets of flowers.
 L. R. Finch, religious papers.
 Miss Montford's School, magazines and papers.
 Nelsons Hotchkiss' Estate, papers, books, magazines, 5 carpet rags, 9 bottles
 old wines and liquors, 2 demijohns old wines and liquors, 19 glasses, jelly,
 2 pieces crockery, 1 Davidson's syringe.
 W. P. Stone, magazines.
 J. S. Smith, 12 books for library.
 P. A. Gilbert, books and magazines.

- Rev. Mr. Denton, illustrated temperance papers.
 Mrs. Baldwin, papers.
 A. M. Hill, closet chair.
 Mrs. Lewis Brown, bowl of jelly.
 Mrs. James Fellows, papers and magazines.
 Mrs. E. C. Read, 2 watercolours and flowers.
 Mrs. H. T. Blake, illustrated papers.
 Mrs. Poudleton, book.
 Mrs. Stevens, papers.
 Dr. Gilbert, magazines.
 Mr. Stadtmiller, German books and magazines.
 Mrs. Alfred Blackburn, stuffed reclining chair.
 Rev. Mr. Denton, papers and magazines.
 Mrs. Samuel Miller, magazines.
 Edward A. Thompson, magazines.
 Mrs. H. T. Blake, papers and magazines.
 Charles H. Farnam, illustrated papers.
 York Street Aid Society, 4 pairs children's drawers, 3 undershirts.
 Mrs. Latham, 38 shirts, 4 collars.
 Unknown, 2 coat, 1 dressing gown.
 Mrs. Thomas Swift, 8 skirts, 6 pairs drawers, old linen.
 Unknown, 3 shirts, 1 night shirt.
 Unknown, 3 undershirts, 4 pairs stockings, 1 night dress.
 York Street Aid Society, children's new underclothes, drawers, shirts, night shirts.
 Mrs. S. W. Johnson, old cotton and linen.
 Mrs. Semmes, various underwear.
 Mrs. Davis, bundle of old linen.
 Unknown, bundle of old cotton.
 Mrs. Crooks, men's and women's underwear.
 Miss Wesley and Miss Bacon, copies of "Youth's Companion," for children.
 Unknown, 14 white shirts.
 Mrs. Little, bundle of old linen, magazines and papers.
 Unknown, 2 calico wrappers, old muslin and linen.
 Mrs. C. L. Mitchell, children's underwear, stockings, collars and cuffs.
 Friend, bundle old cotton.
 Mrs. Tyler, socks, shirts, serge coat.
 Miss Tappan, old linen, underwear.
 Mr. Chubb, shirts and underwear, bundle of old linen.
 Unknown, shirts and underwear.
 Unknown, drawers, dresses and stockings.
 Friend, night shirt and socks.
 H. S. Seymour, bundle old cotton and linen.
 Unknown, 2 bundles old cotton.
 Mrs. Latham, 1 dozen shirts.
 Mr. Baker, 1 pair women drawers, 2 colored shirts.
 Unknown, men's underwear, 6 infant's dresses.
 Miss Julia Keams, a bundle old cotton.

Mrs. Farnam, 20 pieces clothing.
 Hachinson, bundle of children's gowns, new.
 Mrs. S. E. Mervin, bundle old cotton.
 Miss Carnes, bundle old cotton.
 Rev. Robert Thorne, bundle old linen.
 Unknown, " "
 Mrs. Ward, " "
 Unknown, " "
 Mrs. Andrews, bundle old cotton.
 Mrs. Farnam, bundle old linen and cotton.
 Mrs. Ewert, " "
 W. H. L., bundle old linen.
 Mrs. Booth, " "
 Mrs. Andrews, " "
 Mrs. McKelster, " "
 Mrs. Bacon, magazines and papers.
 Unknown, bundle of linen and cotton.
 Mrs. Ewert, flowers.
 Bethany Mission, flowers.
 Y. M. C. Association, flowers.
 Mrs. Dering, flowers, " "
 Summerfield Mission,
 Mrs. Eaton, " "
 J. H. Garret, shirts and socks.
 Unknown, bundle of old cotton.
 Unknown, bundle of old cotton.
 Unknown, 12 articles of underwear.
 Unknown, bundle of old linen and cotton.
 Mrs. Platt, 9 undergarments.
 Nelson Hotchkiss' Estate, bundle of old linen, cotton, and miscellaneous articles of clothing.
 Unknown, bundle of old linen.
 Mrs. Tyler, bundle of old cotton.
 Mrs. Wayland, bundle of old cotton.
 Friend, bundle of old cotton.
 Mrs. Frank Curtis, flowers.
 Mrs. Bond, flowers.
 Mrs. Eaton, flowers.
 Mrs. Homer Pitch, old linen.
 Mrs. Dr. Canfield, old linen.
 Mrs. Babbs, old linen.
 Mrs. Pitchard, men's underwear, and old cotton and linen.
 Henry Stephens, old linen.
 Unknown, 2 packages old linen.
 Miss Kearns, calico wrapper, and package old cotton.
 Miss Busby, large heavy shawl.
 Mrs. Nicholson, bundle old cotton.
 Mrs. Blackman, 1 dressing gown, 16 pairs men's hose, slippers and huggings.

Unknown, 3 bundles cotton and linen.
 Mrs. Wayland, quantity of flowers.
 Mrs. Gilson, Pair Doves, bundle old cotton.
 Mrs. Timothy Trowbridge, piece of old linen.
 Mrs. Read, large quantity of flowers.
 Unknown, old linen tablecloth and napkins.
 Horace P. Handley, bundle old linen.
 Mrs. Atwater, bundle shirts and old linen.
 Mrs. Pierpont, bundle old shirts and collars.
 Mrs. J. M. Baldwin, bundle old shirts and collars.
 Mrs. Edward Thompson, 15 shirts, and old cotton.
 Mrs. Rowe, bundle old cotton and linen.
 Mrs. Ferguson, bundle old cotton and linen.
 Mrs. Wayland, quantity of flowers.
 Mrs. S. S. Whitney, bundle old linen and collars.
 Mrs. Loomis, bundle old linen.
 Mrs. R. S. Chidsey, bundle old linen.
 Mrs. Gale, bundle old cotton.
 Mrs. Doolittle, bundle old linen.
 Mr. T. D. Wheeler, 12 articles of underware, bundle old linen.
 Rev. Mr. Denton, magazines and papers.
 Mr. Geisner, German magazines.
 Mr. Lines, German book.
 W. P. Gilbert, 3 cord hickory wood.

For Thanksgiving

Thomas Harris, 1 turkey.
 Mrs. Ewell, 2 turkeys.
 Wm. O. Armstrong, 1 turkey.
 Dr. L. J. Sanford, 1 turkey.
 Mrs. Geo. B. Black, 1 turkey.
 Mrs. Wm. Fitch, 1 turkey.
 Robert Morgan, 1 turkey.
 Mrs. Joseph Parker, 1 turkey.
 Mrs. E. W. Davenport, 1 turkey.
 Dr. E. H. Bishop, 1 turkey.
 Mrs. H. L. Hotchkiss, 1 turkey.
 Mrs. Frances L. Gilbert, 1 turkey.
 T. G. Bennett, 1 turkey.
 Mrs. S. Ellen Corlies, 1 turkey.

For Christmas.

Mrs. T. H. Bishop, 1 turkey.
 Mrs. Ruby M. Osborn, 2 glasses jelly, 1 bottle grape wine.

Friend, 30 small bouquets of choice flowers, with illuminated cards in envelopes, addressed to each patient, and placed on their pillows during the night.

Robert Morgan, books, candy, $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen handkerchiefs.

Mrs. Alden, toys and books.

Mrs. Eaton, toys.

Mrs. Porter, toys.

Mrs. Fitch, toys.

Mrs. Hawley, toys.

Mrs. Chagnon, toys.

Miss Mills, toys.

Miss Trowbridge, toys.

Mrs. Trowbridge, clothes.

Unknown, box of flowers.

Mrs. Dr. Farnam, toys and books.

Miss Mills, books.

Miss Porter, Christmas letters.

Miss Duffels, toys, and loan of decorations for tree.

Mrs. Dr. Bacon, gifts for tree.

Friend, 108 Orange street, $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen shoulder shawls.

Henry Farnam, cash \$50, to be expended for the comfort and pleasure of the patients.

At the annual meeting of the Society the following vote was passed:

WHEREAS, To the four free beds already established in the hospital by the thoughtful liberality of Henry Farnam, James E. English, William Fitch and Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford, a fifth has now been added by Dr. Henry Bronson.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be tendered to Dr. Bronson for his generous and timely gift, and that the free bed thus established be known as the Bronson free bed.

A true copy of a vote of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, passed January 27th, 1881.

T. H. BISHOP, *Secretary.*

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

Henry Brownson.....	\$25.00
E. E. Salisbury.....	25.00
B. S. Felton.....	50.00
W. H. Carnall.....	50.00
Wm. Gale.....	25.00
Moena P. Tyler.....	50.00
Wallace B. Peck.....	25.00
Henry T. Blake.....	50.00
Daniel C. Eaton.....	25.00
Henry Furness.....	1,000.00
James H. Donnell.....	50.00
Mrs. Mary E. Donnell.....	50.00
Josephine S. Porter.....	25.00
Joseph Parker & Son.....	50.00
Lewis R. Packard.....	10.00
J. D. Saffly.....	10.00
Ed W. Blake.....	50.00
Suzanne Miller.....	25.00
W. A. Irons.....	25.00
English & Merrick.....	25.00
James H. Fry.....	25.00
Mrs. John W. Mansfield.....	25.00
E. S. Wholes.....	25.00
Franklin B. Hart.....	25.00
Prof. Gibbs.....	25.00
E. H. Trumbull.....	25.00
Mrs. E. H. Trumbull.....	25.00
M. G. Elliot.....	25.00
Jarvis Brush.....	25.00
Geo. J. Brush.....	25.00
Prof. W. D. Whitney.....	25.00
A. L. Kidston.....	50.00
James E. English.....	50.00
Lydia S. Scranton.....	100.00
A. Van Natta.....	10.00
Edward Stevens.....	50.00
Mrs. R. C. Peck, in memory of her son, Jas. D. Peck.....	25.00
G. W. Harrel.....	10.00
Henry W. Furness.....	50.00

\$2,200.00

L. S. BUTCHER, Treasurer.

COLLECTIONS FOR HOSPITAL SUNDAY, 1880.

Church of United Society (North Church),	\$129.27
First M. E. Church,	71.06
German Lutheran Church (E. Trinity),	7.00
St. Francis Church, (R. C.) Fair Haven,	22.60
St. John's Church, (Episcopal),	33.56
Westville Congregational Church,	24.64
East Congregational Church,	36.71
First Church (Center),	206.08
Doright Place Church,	29.80
Wesley Chapel (M. E. Church),	27.00
Chapel Street M. E. Church,	7.00
Calmey Baptist Church,	71.88
Christ Church, Guilford,	16.20
Congregation Mishkan Israel,	163.00
Davenport Church,	72.30
Grace Church, Fair Haven,	6.09
Temple Street Congregational Church,	5.80
Trinity Church,	411.81
Church of the Redeemer,	128.08
Collections at Post Office,	4.07
Church of the Ascension,	15.64
St. Paul's Church, Wallingford,	15.45
Church of the Sacred Heart (R. C.),	51.00
St. John's Church (R. C.),	27.77
Cheshire Congregational Church,	11.00
St. Patrick's Church (R. C.),	40.00
Mount Carmel Congregational Church,	11.00
Third M. E. Church,	8.31
Howard Avenue Congregational Church,	35.90
St. Mary's (R. C.),	21.00
Taylor Congregational Church,	2.35
First Congregational Church, Fair Haven,	24.00
Trinity Chapel,	4.58
Second Congregational Church, Fair Haven,	16.00
Church of the Messiah,	16.28
First Church (Center), additional,	5.00
German M. E. Church,	3.58
First Baptist Church,	108.90
First Congregational Church, Fair Haven, additional,	.30
Christ Church,	33.58
Yale College Chapel,	53.00
A Friend from College Street Church,	1.25
Congregational Church, North Haven,	13.00
Mrs. Sarah S. Wilbury,	1,000.00

\$3,224.27

L. S. BOTCHKISS, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR. THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT, IN ACCOUNT WITH
LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, Treasurer, &c.

DR.

		To amount of orders paid of presidential committee,.....	\$77,602.27
Jan. 15.		To paid note of society,.....	2,000.00
June 1.		To paid expenses soliciting subscriptions,.....	85.84
July 17.		To paid six months interest on \$2,000. note to June 31.	50.00
Dec. 30.		To paid six months interest on \$2,000. note to Dec. 31.	50.00
31.		To balance cash on hand to new account,.....	105.25
			\$79,843.36

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Jan. 1.		By balance on old account,.....	\$2,400.00
		By collections and subscriptions Hospital Society, 1880,	3,224.02
		By donations in 1880,.....	1,200.00
		By amount from J. H. Starkweather, Sept. 11 1880,...	21,292.43
Mar. 18.		By interest on \$5,000. Town of N. H. note to March 15,	125.00
May 11.		" " \$25,000. Town of N. H. note to May 3,	375.00
June 5.		" " Mary E. and H. W. E. Monson \$5,000	
		note to Dec. 2, 1880,.....	150.00
July 1.		" " \$4,000 City of New Haven bonds,.....	100.00
Sept. 17.		" " \$5,000 Town of N. H. note, to Sept. 15,	325.00
Nov. 10.		" " \$15,000 Town of N. H. note, to Nov. 5,	375.00
Dec. 11.		" " Mary E. and H. W. E. Monson note to	
		June 7, 1881,.....	150.00
31.		" " \$4,000 City of New Haven bonds,.....	100.00
			\$30,442.50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, Treasurer.

I have examined the within and foregoing account and compared the same with the vouchers therefor, and find the same to be correct.

HENRY D. WHITE, Auditor.

New Haven, Conn., January 12, 1881.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN:—In submitting our final report for the current year, we desire, first of all, to recognize the prompt and courteous attention bestowed by you upon such criticisms or suggestions as we have been prompted to make.

That there have been so few is due, in great measure, to the wise and efficient administration of the trust by yourselves and others who have its interests in charge.

The Superintendent, too, whose diligent performance of duty has not been unmarked by us, has shown himself ever ready to hear and, if possible, remedy any grievance.

The same fidelity and zeal appear to characterize most of those who are employed in the hospital. The observation of members of the Board goes to confirm the testimony of many of the patients, to the skill and self-denying devotion of physicians and nurses. The latter quality has been shown in a marked degree during the recent emergency, caused by the increase of patients, and of critical cases, and also by the diminution in the number of available nurses.

In this exigency, not only have the able-bodied nurses performed much extra service, but in addition, several of the ladies who superintend the Training School have come to the relief of the over-taxed nurses.

Sharing the regret, which all friends of the Hospital must feel at the withdrawal of Miss Brady, who filled the position of superintendent of nursing with rare ability, we also share their satisfaction that the vacancy thus created was filled so quickly and well. The mention of this change recalls others in the membership of this board. Mr. W. S. Charnley, who served the previous year and had been re-elected, was obliged by ill health to withdraw altogether. Later, the Rev. W. G. Andrews, who had been a member of the board from the start, serving five years as Secretary and one as Chairman, was compelled to resign because of his removal to another State. His constant

interest and watchful supervision were at once a stimulus and rebuke to his associates, and an encouragement to the officers and patients.

It appears from the record that more than forty visits have been made during the year by the members of the board.

From the knowledge thus gained respecting the management of the hospital, its usefulness and its needs, we feel authorized to assure the public, whose representatives we are, that they have, in the New Haven Hospital, an institution economically and wisely administered, deserving their confidence and sympathy, and entitled to a generous support and ample endowment.

It is a matter of surprise, to those who are familiar with the Hospital and its administration, that so much is done, and done so well with meagre resources and inadequate equipment.

It is a matter, also, of profound regret, that in a community so prosperous, and in a State exhibiting so much enterprise and thrift, benefactions flow so seldom into this channel. The majority of the patients treated here are too poor to express their gratitude in substantial form. We must depend chiefly on those who, by personal inspection, through published reports, or from observation of kindred institutions, appreciate the value of a well-equipped hospital to a State or community, to come to our relief and put this institution on a firm basis.

The offerings of "Hospital Sunday," are most liberal and will, doubtless, be found so in the future. But there is immediate and pressing need of such ample endowment as will secure the appliances and facilities of the best hospitals in Europe or America, and bring them within the reach of the poorest. A hospital thus amply endowed, with a medical staff so competent, and a corps of nurses so efficient as already exist here, would be a source of just pride to all the people of the State, and not least to those whose wise generosity secured the best. May such a result be speedily attained.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN F. MANSFIELD,
JAMES REYNOLDS,
CHARLES H. FARNAM,
CHARLES H. WILLIAMS,
MAIER ZUNDER.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Applications for the admission of patients should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, and should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital, New Haven, Conn. In accordance with the regulations of the hospital, the superintendent, as the representative of the prudential committee, arranges the terms of admission according to the circumstances of the case and the accommodation required.

2. The training is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. The ordinary charge per week for accommodation in the Wards is \$6.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing.

4. Private rooms are furnished at \$12.00 or more per week, according to the requirements of the case.

5. Persons partly supported by the town in which they reside, and partly by the State appropriation, are admitted on an order from the town authorities. Town patients are received at \$4.00 per week, the remainder is paid out of the State Appropriation.

6. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war, and now residents are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability, contracted in the service.

7. Sailors, whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund, are admitted on the order of the collector of the Port of New Haven.

8. Persons carried directly to the hospital from the place of an accident are admitted immediately.

9. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

10. *Influenza* persons and those suffering from contagious diseases are not admitted.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

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In consideration of the admission of _____ of _____ into the Institution of the "General Hospital Society of Connecticut," at New Haven, I engage to provide, or pay for, a sufficiency of clothing for _____ use, and pay to the Treasurer of said Institution _____ dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance; and to cause said patient to be removed when discharged, without expense to said Institution, and, in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

Principal.

For value received, I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulations.

Surety.

APPENDIX.

THE CONNECTICUT TRAINING-SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Training School for Nurses has been established for seven years. At first the number of pupils was limited to six; within two years it was increased to eleven, then to fourteen, and these not being sufficient to meet the many demands for special and continuous attention which critical cases required, the pendential committee consented last December to provide board and washing for seventeen pupils, a head nurse and an assistant. The pupils remain in the hospital for one year and pursue their studies and daily routine of work under the superintendence of the head nurse. Each nurse is assigned to one ward or department for several weeks, and in the course of a year has studied surgical, medical, and obstetrical nursing, and also the preparation of special dishes suitable for invalids and convalescents. Symptom records are kept which enable the physician to ascertain the varied phases of the disease since he last saw the patient.

At the close of the year of study the nurse has a vacation of one month, and then returns to take for five months such cases of private practice as shall be assigned to her. Her home is in the hospital when her services are not called for elsewhere, and the school pays for all the nurses there in excess of the number allowed.

The hospital authorities appreciate most highly the advantages of having this school established here. Those who enter it either have a special gift for nursing, or with a true spirit of self-sacrifice have devoted themselves to the noble work of ministering to others; consequently the duties of that department are performed more faithfully and more skillfully than in former years when it was thought that strength was the only requisite in a nurse.

Those wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the Secretary of the Society, when, if approved by the Executive Committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the hospital. The candidates must be over twenty-two and under forty years of age, and must present a certificate from a clergyman and

physician as to their good moral character and sound health. They will be received for one month on probation and without compensation.

Information concerning the School will be furnished by the President, Vice President, or other members of the Executive Committee.

Pupils are received from any State.

Applications for admission should be made as early as possible to the Secretary, Mrs. Thatcher, 120 Crown st., New Haven.

Physicians or others in any part of the State desiring to secure the services of trained nurses for men or women, medical or surgical patients, should apply by telegraph or letter, stating the nature of the case, to the Superintendent of Nursing, New Haven Hospital.

The price per week for the services of a trained nurse is \$12.00, unless two members of the family are ill at the same time, when there will be a slight additional charge. It can not be too strongly impressed upon the public that it is more economical, and safer for the patient, to employ a reliable nurse, than to indulge in a natural but misplaced sentiment, which sacrifices the strength of an entire family to the care of one invalid member.

Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

COMMITTEES OF ADMINISTRATION.

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Mrs. PRESIDENT PORTER.

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FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY

OF

CONNECTICUT,

FOR THE YEAR 1881.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 26th, 1882.

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NEW HAVEN:

WILLIAM A. LAMSON, PRINTER, 32 CHURCH STREET.

1882.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

Rev. I give and bequeath to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, in the City of New Haven, the sum of dollars, to be paid by my Executors, out of my real or personal estate, as soon as the settlement of my affairs will permit, to the Treasurer of said Institution for the time being, in trust, to be applied by the Directors thereof to the humane purposes of said Institution.

OFFICERS

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

1882.

FRANCIS WAYLAND, *President*. F. H. BISHOP, *Secretary*.
 JAMES E. ENGLISH, *Vice-Pres.* LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, *Treas.*

EX-OFFICIO COMMISSIONERS.

His Excellency, ROBERT B. BIGELOW, *Governor, ex-officio*.
 (Vacant.)

MEMBERS WHOSE TERM OF OFFICE EXPIRES, RESPECTIVELY, IN:

1883.	1884.	1885.
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors has the honor to present herewith to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut its fifty-fifth annual report as prepared by the Prudential Committee.

The increase in the work of the Hospital, which we had occasion to notice at the last annual meeting, has continued during the past year. The daily average of patients has risen from 67½ in 1879 and 81½ in 1880 to 85 in 1881, with a maximum of 106 and a minimum of 26. 656 have been admitted and 480 discharged. There have been 65 deaths and 14 births.

This increase in the number of patients has been accompanied by a diminution in the expenditure per capita and a narrowing of the gap between earnings and expenses. The weekly cost of maintaining a patient has fallen from \$6.55 in 1880, to \$6.37 in 1881, while the deficit on running expenses (leaving out of account improvements paid for by special funds) has fallen from \$3,749.97 in 1880 to 2,433.52 in 1881. Thus, with the aid of the Hospital Sunday collection of 1881, amounting to \$3,986.81, and of our income from invested funds, we have been able not only to make up the deficit but also to pay off the last \$2,000.00 of our debt.

An analysis of the Superintendent's report shows, however, that this favorable exhibit is due, not to a decrease in the cost of caring for the patients, but to quite special causes. For the saving that would ordinarily result from an increase in patients has been more than counterbalanced by the great rise in the prices of provisions, and this shows itself in the rise of the cost of food per inmate from 35½ cents in 1880 to 29½ cents in 1881, as well as in the fact that, while the daily average of patients has risen 8.8 per cent., the expenditure for food has risen 25.3 per cent. or \$2,878.27. This increase in the cost of food would have considerably enlarged our deficit, had it not been more than outweighed by a positive fall of 8.7 per cent or \$1,498.47 in the other items, chief among which were repairs and improvements (with a fall of \$1,494.18), clothes and bedding, postage, printing and stationery, furniture, crockery and gas.

These facts show that the lowering of the deficit has been

brought about only by comparing a year in which the outlay for special improvements was very large with one in which great economy was exercised in this and some other branches of expenditure. In attempting to prepare a budget for the coming year, we shall, therefore, have to assume that the high prices of provisions will continue, if they do not go higher, while it will be hardly possible to avoid a greater outlay for permanent improvements and repairs, many of which are urgently needed. We may, therefore, expect that the difference between earnings and expenses will be greater than during the past year. On the other hand, however, we are more than usually well prepared to meet this deficit. With a bank balance on Jan. 15th, of \$1,647.11, a Hospital Sunday collection of \$3,323.18 and no debt, we may safely hope, barring accidents, to go through the year without again appealing to the public or making use of the guarantee fund.

The proper disposal of the bandages, etc. taken from the wards has been for some time a serious problem. This refuse matter was formerly buried in large excavations lined with boards, in the rear of the stable, and all that part of the grounds seemed destined in time to be honey-combed with these vast cells of foul matter, and to endanger the health of the neighborhood. Last winter the Prudential Committee undertook, in accordance with a suggestion of the Board of Visitors, to burn all this matter in the furnace of the laundry, and they think now, after nearly a year's trial of the experiment, that they have solved the difficulty.

The remainder of the "Bock Fund" has been drawn upon to the extent of \$188.12 for minor improvements in the plumbing. Otherwise no material changes have been made in the building or grounds.

The large number of patients has made it necessary at times to crowd the wards more than is desirable, while the nurses needed for their care have been equally crowded in the only rooms we have been able to give them. It gives us great satisfaction, therefore, to know that the ladies of the Training-School have been actively engaged in raising funds to build a house for their own purposes in accordance with the terms of a contract made with the Hospital and ratified at the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors held October 21, 1881. This contract provides that the Training-School shall have the power to erect a

building, to be used solely for its purposes, on the Hospital grounds; that the General Hospital Society shall heat and light this building; and that in case of a dissolution of partnership between the Hospital and the Training-School, the disposition of the new building shall be left to a commission appointed by the two parties jointly. We shall be very glad to see this building go up during the coming year, as well on account of the nurses as on account of the Hospital, and the additional outlay that it will entail will be money well expended.

There has been no change during the past year in the heads of the different departments of the institution; we are happy to add that there has been *no* change in the faithfulness and efficiency of the Training-School, of which we have such frequent occasion to express our appreciation, or in the devotion of the officers of the Hospital. We gave Mr. Starkweather a month's vacation in August, and were most fortunate in securing for the position of Superintendent during his absence the valuable services of Mr. Richard E. Rice. Mr. Starkweather was, we felt, entitled to this rest, the first he had had in three years of faithful service in his responsible office.

Our thanks are due to the Board of Visitors for their frequent and careful inspections of the building and grounds, and for valuable suggestions. To the clergymen of New Haven who have conducted services in the chapel, and to the citizens of New Haven who have contributed money, or kindly remembered the sufferers by presents and visits at Thanksgiving and Christmas, we express our grateful acknowledgments.

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NEW HAVEN, Jan. 26, 1883.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

To the Board of Directors of the General Hospital of Connecticut:

In presenting the statistics of the past year, the members of the Medical Board take the opportunity to notice the increase of patients year by year and accept the fact as a gratifying evidence of the continued acceptability of the Hospital to the community.

We consider the condition of the institution in general and its administration to be eminently satisfactory, though in some particulars improvement might be made.

The method of warming and ventilating the building is noticeably defective; cold air is at times blown through the heating boxes into the two lower wards, and the escape of foul air is sometimes quite insufficient; the means of regulating these matters should be direct and controllable.

The midwifery wards are somewhat lighter and pleasanter since the opening of additional windows into them, but they still receive too small an amount of light, and we hope that some arrangement will be devised to allow this department more sunshine and cheerfulness; an entire change of location would be, in many respects, advantageous.

We think it desirable that a microscope be obtained and kept at the Hospital at all times.

We also recommend the purchase of an ambulance for the transportation of sick and wounded patients. These are now brought to the Hospital in hacks or wagons not adapted to the purpose, and it is quite possible that the deaths of some patients may be hastened, if not actually caused, by the exposure and hardship incident to the lack of proper means of transportation. A moderate outlay in buying an ambulance for New Haven would relieve more suffering than any outlay in our knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. GILBERT, M. D.,

Secretary of Medical Board.

NEW HAVEN, January 26th, 1881.

SURGICAL CASES TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING 1882.

Abscess, ichthyocrotal.....	2	Fistula in ano.....	4
" petric.....	2	Fracture of clavicle.....	4
" psosa.....	1	" scapula.....	26
" palmar.....	2	" humerus.....	2
" external auditory meatus.....	1	" inferior maxilla.....	2
" middle ear.....	2	" patella.....	2
Aneurysm of aorta.....	1	" petric.....	1
Ankylosis of knee-joint.....	2	" radius.....	3
Arthritis, rheumatic.....	4	" radius and ulna.....	2
" syphilitic.....	2	" sternum.....	1
Atrophy of optic nerve.....	1	" spine.....	2
Bad nose—extensive.....	2	" thigh.....	1
Bubo.....	2	" thigh and thigh.....	6
Burns.....	10	Gangrene of toes.....	1
Cancer of breast.....	2	Gonorrhea.....	5
" rectum.....	1	Gonorrheal ophthalmia.....	1
" scrotum.....	1	Granular lids.....	2
" superior maxilla.....	1	Hemorrhoids.....	7
" tongue.....	2	Hemorrhoids.....	2
" uterus.....	1	Hydrocele.....	1
Carcinoma.....	1	Injury of eye.....	6
Carcinoma in urethra.....	2	" hand.....	1
Caries of sternum.....	2	" hand.....	2
" spine.....	2	" male.....	2
" scapula.....	2	" arm.....	2
" thigh.....	2	" foot.....	1
Cataract, single.....	2	" shoulder.....	2
" double.....	2	" wrist.....	1
Chancroid.....	5	Keratoma.....	2
Contusion of testis.....	1	Laceration of perineum.....	2
Congenital fistula.....	9	Loose cartilages in knee-joint.....	2
Cystitis, acute.....	1	Morchia ocarina.....	12
" chronic.....	1	Necrosis of bone.....	2
Dislocation of shoulder.....	1	" phalanges.....	2
" thigh.....	1	" tibia.....	2
Ectropion.....	1	" rib.....	2
Eczema.....	4	" scapula.....	1
Erysipelas.....	1	Neuralgia facialis.....	2
Ectropion.....	2	Oncocoma.....	2
Epithelioma.....	1	Opacity of cornea.....	1
Epithelioma of ear.....	1	Oedema.....	1
" face.....	3	Osteo-sarcoma.....	1
" lip.....	3	Oxycaria.....	2
Erysipelas.....	3	Pachyma.....	2
Exophthalmos.....	1	Peristoma.....	2
		Protrusion of rectum.....	2

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Abscess of thigh.....	1	Paralysis.....	3
Amputation of thigh.....	1	Pericarditis.....	1
Bonchitis capillary.....	2	Poisoning by corrosive sublimate.....	1
Cancer of rectum.....	1	Pythiosis.....	29
Cerebral softening.....	1	Pterygia.....	2
Cirrhosis of liver.....	1	Purpura hemorrhagica.....	1
Compound fracture of femur.....	1	Rupture of liver.....	1
Dyslipelia.....	3	Salivary, out throat.....	1
Epithelioma of face.....	1	Typhus malaris.....	3
Exostosis of hip joint.....	1	Typhoid pneumonia.....	1
Emphysema of lungs.....	1	" fever.....	1
Heart disease.....	4	Tubercular laryngitis.....	1
Hernia strangulated.....	1	Tuberculosis, acute.....	1
Hæmorrhoids.....	1		
Nephritis, chronic.....	3		
Osteomyelitis.....	2		
		Total.....	65

Prepared by WM. L. RUSSELL, M.D., *House Surgeon.*

MEDICAL CASES TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING 1881.

Abortion.....	2	Heart, mitral insufficiency.....	5
Aneurism.....	5	" functional disorder.....	1
Bright's disease.....	2	Hæmoptysis.....	1
Brucellitis, acute.....	2	Hæmiplegia.....	4
" chronic.....	3	Hysteria.....	2
Chorea.....	4	Hystero-epilepsy.....	1
Cirrhosis hepatis.....	2	Icterus.....	2
Colica ptyriasis.....	1	Locomotor ataxia.....	3
Conjunctivitis.....	14	Lunacy.....	1
Debility.....	4	Mæsia.....	3
Diarrhoea, chronic.....	5	Mæsia-pueri.....	5
Diabetes insipidus.....	3	Melitis.....	2
Dysmenstrua.....	19	Mollities corneæ.....	2
Dyspepsia.....	3	Nasal.....	2
Erysipelas.....	2	Neuralgia.....	3
Endocarditis.....	1	Neurasthenia.....	2
Endometritis.....	2	Palsy.....	5
Epididymitis.....	4	Pericarditis.....	2
Fever, intermittent.....	28	Pharyngitis.....	2
" malignant.....	2	Phlebitis.....	1
" typhoid.....	6	Plomitis.....	7
" typhomalarial.....	5	Pneumonia, catarrhal.....	3
Fibrosis.....	2	" lobar.....	4
Gastralgia.....	1	" pleuro.....	1
Gastritis, rectum.....	6	Phthisis.....	42
Heart, aortic stenosis.....	3		

Purcing by corioi subfinita.....	1	Tonifitit.....	1
Pregnancy.....	2	Turkolia.....	1
Postpartum hemorrhages.....	1	Tuberculosis, acute.....	3
Purging hemorrhages.....	1	Typho pneumonia.....	1
Illustration, acute.....	4	Uterus retroflexion.....	2
Illustration chronic.....	32	retroversion.....	1
Sciatica.....	5		
Scally.....	5	Total.....	221

NUMBER OF BIRTHS

January.....	2	August.....	9
February.....	2	September.....	0
March.....	3	October.....	1
April.....	2	November.....	3
May.....	2	December.....	1
June.....	6		
July.....	2	Total.....	14

Prepared by

WM. W. HAWKES, M. D.,

House Physician.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW HAVEN, January 15, 1882.

To the Presidential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith respectfully submit the fifty-fifth annual report of receipts and disbursements, number of patients in Hospital, and other statistics of last year's business.

The number of patients remaining in the Hospital Dec. 31st, 1880, was 92—71 males, 21 females; admitted during the year 1881, 530—407 males, 123 females; making a total of 648 under treatment; 478 males, 170 females. Of this number 214 recovered; 164 males, 50 females. 210 were discharged improved, 56 unimproved, 65 died, and 163 remained under treatment December 31st, 1881. There were 14 births; 6 males, 8 females.

The whole number of weeks occupied was 4,640½, of which 3,640½ weeks were occupied by charity patients, or those not paying full rates. These came from 56 different towns and villages. The greatest number of patients any one day was 100, the lowest 76, the daily average being 89. The attendants and other inmates of the house have averaged 48½, making a total of 137½.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT WITH GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

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1881. To amount received:	
Balance from old account, Jan. 17, 1881.	\$461.25
Self-paying patients.	3,811.02
Various towns for support of patients.	3,294.08
United States " " "	1,480.00
State of Connecticut. " "	5,705.14
State appropriation.	1,000.00
Hospital League.	29.36
Smaller.	1,081.48
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	\$25,765.97
Orders on Treasurer.	25,412.14
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	\$354.83

1881. By amounts paid for:	
Flour, 4,343 lbs.	\$185.75
Meat and Rice, 3,840 lbs.	302.65
Bread and Crackers, 24,252 lbs.	1,132.95
Cakes,	123.34
Butter, 4,788 lbs.	1,312.20
Cheese, 1,066 lbs.	107.10
Meat, 41,785 lbs.	4,053.12
Poultry, 3,696½ lbs.	798.71
Fish and Oysters, 6,549 lbs., 145 gals.	504.59
Vegetables and Fruit,	1,478.39
Eggs, 3,174½ doz.	798.45
Groceries,	1,627.83
Milk, 56,620½ qts.	2,153.89
Lard, 173,315 lbs.	256.96
Liquors,	215.08
Ale and Beer,	328.55
Medicines,	1,879.26
Instruments,	327.26
Surgical Dressings,	420.98
Fuel,	2,444.25
Gas, 391,690 ft.,	837.60
Water,	150.66
Furniture and Crockery,	173.42
Clothes and Bedding,	354.81
Repairs and Improvements,	845.33
Postage, Printing and Stationery,	297.71
Hall and Farm expenses,	259.22
Salaries and Wages,	6,901.85
Porridge and Soup,	173.42
Smoking,	173.37
Total current expenses,	\$26,027.86
Special improvements, (Back Fund.)	188.12
Refunded to patients,	483.09
Deposited with Treasurer,	22,683.23
Balance on hand Jan. 18, 1882,	420.48
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	\$29,918.31
Total current Hospital expenses,	\$2,222.06
Less board of Superintendent's family and others,	157.86
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	\$20,569.19
Number of weeks of Hospital care, 4,649 3/4.	
Cost per week per patient,	\$4.37
Total cost of food,	14,768.97
Average daily number of inmates, 137½.	
Cost of food per day per inmate,	39½c

Respectfully, J. H. STARKWEATHER, Superintendent.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31, 1880,	51	21	62
Admitted during the year 1881,	497	145	598
Total,	478	170	548
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured	164	50	214
Improved.	151	39	210
Unimproved.	38	20	56
Died.	47	15	62
	298	144	543
Remaining under treatment Dec. 31, 1881,	50	25	103
Total,	478	170	548

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM JAN. 1, 1881, TO DEC. 31, 1881.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
January,	25	18	44
February,	34	7	41
March,	31	16	47
April,	27	15	40
May,	38	23	66
June,	38	19	48
July,	42	10	52
August,	31	8	41
September,	41	15	48
October,	37	12	50
November,	35	7	42
December,	40	17	57
Total,	497	145	598

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

United States,	248	Norway,	2
Ireland,	185	Italy,	2
Germany,	51	West Indies,	2
England,	24	Cape De Verde,	2
Scotland,	13	Russia,	1
Canada,	9	Hungary,	1
France,	4	Mexico,	1
Nov. Scotia,	4	Unknown,	3
Sweden,	4		
		Total,	526

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 15 years,	28	7	35
From 15 to 30 years,	31	14	45
" 20 to 30 "	97	55	152
" 30 to 40 "	80	35	115
" 40 to 50 "	77	21	98
" 50 to 60 "	65	31	96
" 60 to 70 "	35	4	39
" 70 to 80 "	8	9	17
" 80 to 90 "	1		1
" 90 to 100 "	1		1
Total.	497	189	686

TIME OCCUPIED BY THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF PATIENTS.

U. S. Marine Patients,	221 2.7 weeks
State Soldier "	1247 5.7 "
Town "	586 1.2 "
Self-Paying "	743 6.7 "
Free Bed "	67 "
Charity "	79 4.7 "
Total	1693 5.7

REPRESENTATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1881.

Ansonia..... 24	Hartford..... 3	Seymour..... 7
Bethany..... 1	Hartford..... 3	Shelton..... 1
Birmingham..... 10	Killingworth..... 1	Southbury..... 1
Black Rock..... 1	Litchfield..... 1	Southfield..... 9
Bradford..... 1	Madison..... 2	Southington..... 15
Bridgewater..... 14	Meriden..... 37	Stafford..... 2
Campville..... 1	Middlefield..... 2	Stony Creek..... 1
Canterbury..... 1	Middletown..... 2	Thomaston..... 1
Cheshire..... 2	Milford..... 3	Torrington..... 2
Colchester..... 1	Monterey..... 2	Union City..... 2
Columbia..... 5	Naugusset..... 3	Unionville..... 1
Danbury..... 2	New Britain..... 2	Williston..... 1
Deep River..... 1	New Haven..... 235	Wallingford..... 4
Derby..... 2	New Milford..... 3	Waterbury..... 23
East Haven..... 2	New Preston..... 1	Waterville..... 1
East Litchfield..... 1	New Town..... 1	Westport..... 1
East River..... 1	Norfolk..... 1	Westport..... 1
East Suffield..... 1	Norwich..... 2	Westport..... 1
Easton..... 1	Oldfield..... 1	Westport..... 1
Fairfield..... 1	Oldfield..... 1	Westport..... 1
Fair Haven..... 20	Oldfield..... 1	Westport..... 1
Groton Farms..... 1	Oldfield..... 1	Westport..... 1
Gulfport..... 2	Oldfield..... 1	Westport..... 1
Haddam..... 1	Oldfield..... 1	Westport..... 1

OCCUPATION.

Armorer,	1	Farmers,	22	Physicians,	7
Artist,	1	Fishers,	1	Piano makers,	1
Barber,	1	Furniture polishers,	1	Plasterers,	1
Blacksmiths,	8	Gardeners,	2	Podiatrists,	4
Bolt makers,	4	Glass engravers,	1	Printer,	1
Book-keeper,	1	Grinders,	2	Quarryman,	1
Bosqueurs,	2	Grocers,	1	Rigmen,	1
Broom workers,	19	Gum makers,	2	Rubber worker,	1
Brickmakers,	2	Harness maker,	1	Sailors,	4
Brusher,	1	Helper,	1	Scouters,	54
Burnisher,	1	Hodges,	2	Servants,	42
Burr makers,	3	Horse driver,	1	Silver platers,	5
Batcher,	1	Iron rollers,	1	Silverware,	2
Cue builder,	1	Jeweler,	1	Shop girls,	2
Carpenters,	5	Joiner,	1	Soldier,	1
Carriage makers,	2	Laborers,	68	Soldier,	1
Carriage painters,	2	Lawn mowers,	2	Spoon maker,	1
Chattel,	1	Liquor dealers,	8	Spring makers,	2
Cigar maker,	1	Locksmith,	1	Stone cutter,	1
Clerks,	4	Longshoremen,	1	Stoolers,	6
Clock makers,	2	Machinists,	6	Switchmen,	1
Cooks,	2	Masons,	6	Tailors,	4
Cooper,	1	Mechanics,	10	Teacher,	1
Copper rollers,	2	Mechanics,	2	Transfers,	2
Cornet presser,	1	Minister,	1	Tinsmith,	1
Cornet stitchers,	3	Molders,	13	Traveling physician,	1
Cutlers,	3	Moulding maker,	1	Varnisher,	1
Dress maker,	1	Stroes,	9	Waiter,	1
Druggist,	1	Organ makers,	2	Waterman, R. B.,	1
Editor,	1	Oystermen,	2	Washer,	1
Engineer,	1	Painters,	7	Wax drawers,	2
Expressmen,	1	Paper maker,	1	Wood dealer,	1
Factory girls,	4	Peddlers,	5	Wood workers,	2

STATEMENT OF DONATIONS RECEIVED AT THE
HOSPITAL FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DEC. 31, 1883.

- Mrs. Henry Farnum, weekly papers and postage *old linen*.
 Dr. W. H. Carnack, *illustrated papers*.
 W. B. Fess, 2 sets Harper's magazines.
 Mrs. Henry Farnum, package religious papers.
 Steam Fire Engine Co. No. 3, 1 dozen magazines.
 Rev. Mr. Denton, papers.
 Chas. H. Farnum, illustrated papers.
 H. G. Chase, papers.
 Miss Davenport, 15 books for Henry.
 Mrs. Joel T. Rice, 3 books for library and 4 boxes of wire for the sick.
 Miss Carrington, illustrated and other papers.
 Rev. Mr. Denton, illustrated papers.
 Mrs. H. T. Blake, papers.
 Friend, lot of books.
 H. G. Chase, papers.
 Mrs. H. L. Hotchkiss, magazines.
 Mrs. Robert J. Minor, papers.
 Edwin Stevens, illustrated papers.
 R. B. Bradley, 1 broad sheet.
 Mrs. H. T. Blake, illustrated papers.
 Mrs. E. H. Trowbridge, Sr., illustrated papers and magazines.
 J. A. Graves, magazines.
 Rev. S. W. Williams, religious papers.
 Mrs. H. T. Blake, illustrated papers.
 Rev. Mr. Denton, religious " "
 Friend, several copies Frank Leslie's Monthly.
 Mrs. Phineas Bartlett, 1 rubber day and night gown.
 Mrs. H. T. Blake, illustrated papers.
 Wm. Goodine, magazines and papers.
 H. Stevens, papers and books.
 Mrs. Edward Benson, 4 rubber water bed sections.
 Friend, papers and magazines.
 Chas. Mallory, large lot of illustrated papers.
 Mrs. J. B. Carrington, papers.
 F. Longstreet, large lot "Youths' Companions."
 Mrs. B. R. English, large lot magazines.
 Dr. Fred Sumner Smith, glass test tubes, funnels, and other papers for a
 Laboratory.
 H. G. Chase, papers.
 Mrs. Sheffield, package old linen and washin

- Mrs. Townsend, package old linen and muslin.
 Mrs. Alling, " " "
 Unknown, 4 " " "
 Mrs. Eaton, " (sh) muslin.
 Mrs. Clara English, package old muslin.
 Levi C. Gilbert, " "
 Miss Davenport, " " and dressing gown.
 Mrs. Henry Farnum, " old linen.
 S. H. Hawley, " "
 W. L. Kingsley, " "
 Mrs. Cole, " (sh) muslin.
 Mrs. T. A. Lewis, Northford, package old muslin and linen, and shirts.
 Mrs. W. L. Kingsley, package old linen.
 Unknown, 13 shirts.
 do package old linen.
 Mrs. Daniel Torreybridge, package old linen.
 Mrs. W. H. Foss, package old linen and muslin, and 2 books.
 Mrs. O. J. Whiting, " " muslin and papers.
 Unknown, " " "
 Mrs. S. H. Crane, " " linen.
 Mrs. Brett, " " "
 Mrs. W. J. Pratt, " " muslin.
 Mrs. Austin, " " and half a dozen shirts.
 Unknown, 9 shirts, 2 pss. socks, 5 pss. men's drawers.
 do women's underwear.
 Miss Mils, package old linen.
 Mrs. Henry L. Hutchinson, men's shirts, underwear and night shirts.
 Mrs. D. Dill, package old muslin.
 Church of the Redeemer, flowers.
 Mrs. Head, flowers several lines.
 Mrs. F. M. Chapman, package old muslin and linen.
 Mrs. Atwater, 2 shirts.
 Mrs. Ives, " "
 Mrs. Chaffield, 5 shirts and 1 pair slippers.
 Mrs. Staples, 10 shirts, 10 pss. men's socks.
 Mrs. Pardee, package old muslin.
 Mrs. Treat, " " "
 Mrs. Whitelsey, " " "
 Mrs. Dr. Robinson, 9 shirts, (sh).
 Mrs. Jenkins, package old muslin.
 Young Ladies' Christian Association, Church of the Redeemer, 4 wrappers for children.
 Miss Monson.
 Friend, package (sh) muslin.
 A. H. Buckingham, package old muslin.
 Miss Susan Osborne, 2 night dresses and sarong.
 Miss Chapman, flowers.
 Mrs. W. P. Deane, old muslin.

- Mrs. N. H. Garfield, old shirts
 Mrs. Peck, old linen
 Mrs. Woolsey, women's underwear
 Mrs. Clarke, old muslin and handkerchiefs
 Mrs. White, — " " linen
 Mrs. Carrington, old muslin and shirts
 Mrs. W. White, — " " handkerchiefs
 Friend, old muslin
 Mrs. Russell, flowers
 Friend, old linen
 " " old night dresses
 John E. Earle, old muslin and linen, skins and dresses
 Mrs. Parrham, shirts
 Mrs. Merwin, old muslin
 Mrs. Levi D. Brown, old muslin and linen, 2 night shirts, 1 night dress
 Miss C. B. Harris, box of old linen
 Mrs. J. S. Bosch, 11 pairs socks and 3 shirts
 Friend, old muslin and linen
 Mrs. Tyler, night dresses and undergarments and child's dress
 Mr. Arwater, old muslin
 Miss Bradley, old muslin and linen
 Miss Hutchins, " "
 Friend, " "
 Mrs. Griffing, dressing gown used in the Hospital at Shanghai, China
 Mrs. Foster, 2 dressing gowns, 5 night shirts, 1 undershirt
 Y. W. C. A., Church of Holiness, 3 child's wrappers
 Mrs. D. T. Townbridge, old muslin and old linen pillow cases and sheets
 Friend, set of old muslin and linen
 Friend, 17 magazines and books for children
 Friend, 12 shirts
 Mrs. Couch, package old muslin
 Mrs. Stone, " "
 John Heller, suit of clothes
 Unknown, package old towels and linen
 " " " "
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 " " " "
 Mrs. Pratt, old linen
 Mrs. Warner, "
 Mrs. Knotwell, old linen and muslin
 Mrs. Palmer, " "
 Mrs. Prof. Tracy Peck, old linen handkerchiefs
 Friend, bundle old linen and handkerchiefs
 Mrs. Hunt, bundle old handkerchiefs
 Mrs. Worden, bundle old muslin
 Friend, " "
 Friend, 8 shirts, 2 night shirts, and underwear
 Mrs. Reynolds, old linen
 Friend, old handkerchiefs

- Friend, old linen.
 Mrs. Cose, old muslin.
 Rev. E. E. Atwater, old muslin.
 Mrs. Smith and daughter, old muslin and linen.
 Mrs. P. Boyd, old linen.
 Mrs. Fish, old muslin.
 Mrs. Bradford, "
 Friend, old linen.
 Mrs. Green, old linen.
 Mrs. Parish, old muslin.
 Mrs. Little, old handkerchiefs and 3 shirts.
 Mrs. Wice, old muslin and linen.
 Mrs. Crane, old muslin.
 C. P. Platt, old linen and handkerchiefs.
 Mr. Jenkins, old handkerchiefs.
 Mrs. Hawley, old sheets.
 Mrs. Gilpin, 2 night shirts, 1 night dress, 2 pair socks, old muslin and linen.
 Rev. Mr. Thomas, old linen and handkerchiefs.
 Miss Yale, old muslin.
 Friend, 3 shirts.
 Friend, 3 night dresses and underwear.
 Friend, large roll old linen.
 Mrs. Sarah Smith, 2 shirts, old muslin and linen.
 Mrs. S. E. Osborne, old muslin and linen.
 Mrs. Corlies, old linen.
 Mrs. Gray, old linen and handkerchiefs.
 John Cox, large package old linen.
 Friends, 1 night shirt, old muslin and linen.
 Friend, old muslin and linen.
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 Mrs. Ward, 2 shirts and old linen.
 W. H. Hyde, old linen.
 Friend, old linen and muslin.
 Mrs. Chas. P. Mervin, old muslin and 1 flannel shirt.
 Mrs. M. H. Smith, old linen, night shirt, underwear.
 Friend, old linen.
 Mrs. P. Miller, old muslin, 4 shirts.
 D. S. Thompson, 18 shirts.
 Mrs. James Hatley, 4 glasses ice cream.
 Friend, 4 shirts.
 Mrs. Henry Hotchkiss, old muslin and linen, 1 shirt.
 Mrs. Juntas Hotchkiss, old muslin and linen.
 Friend, 2 shirts and underwear.
 Mrs. Rich, dressing gown, 4 shirts, 3 pair socks.
 Friend, old muslin.
 Friend, old linen.
 Friend, old linen and muslin, 3 shirts, handkerchiefs and underwear.
 Friend, large roll old muslin.

Mrs. C. T. Downes, old linen, 2 night dresses, 1 towel, 1 waigpet.
 Friend, old muslin and linen.
 Mrs. Patch, several yards of new muslin.
 Mrs. J. Hotchkiss, old muslin and linen.
 Friend, old muslin.
 H. Stevens, old muslin and old flannel.
 Friend, old linen for lint.
 Friend, old muslin.
 Dr. W. W. Hawkes, old muslin and linen, and 6 shirts.
 Richard Followers, grapes.
 Mrs. Merwin, old muslin and linen.
 Friend, old muslin and linen, 4 pairs shoes, children's *sports* costume.
 A. Treat, old muslin and linen.
 Friend, " " "
 J. R. Smith, suits of clothes, 1 hat, 1 pair shoes.
 Mrs. Smith, two old linen.
 Edward Malley, paper boxes.
 J. N. Adam & Co., " "
 Edward Malley, " "
 Anna E. Wilcox, 1 pair men's shoes.
 Mr. Morse, 1 hat, 2 shirts, underwear.
 Mr. Claffield, old muslin, 1 shirt.
 Mrs. John Elsworth, old muslin.
 Mrs. Hemick, old muslin.
 Friend, 4 shirts, old muslin and linen.
 " 6 shirts.
 " old muslin and linen.
 Mrs. E. R. Patchell, old muslin and linen.
 John E. Kurl, 13 shirts, 2 night shirts, old linen and muslin.
 Mrs. Nelson Hall, 2 qt. jars cherries.
 Mrs. J. M. L. Novelle, roll old linen.
 J. P. Baboy, 38 shirts, 6 handkerchiefs and old muslin.
 Mrs. Thatcher, 2 night dresses, stockings, underwear and 1 chest protector.
 Mrs. A. C. Dickinson, old muslin.
 Mrs. Parls, 9 shirts, 2 vests, collars and cuffs, socks and underwear.
 Friend, old muslin and linen.
 Freddie Sanford, drawing slate and pictures.
 Friend, old muslin and linen.
 Mrs. H. W. Secole, Watshury, pictures for children.

For Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Everit, 2 turkeys.
 Mrs. Rich, 1 turkey.
 Mrs. Patch, 1 "
 Mrs. E. R. Wheeler, 1 "
 Mrs. W. P. Gilbert, 1 "

Robert Morgan, 1 turkey.
 Little F. Parker, 1 "
 Wm. O. Armstrong, 1 "
 H. T. Blake, cash, \$5.00

For Christmas.

Miss Manson, candy bags, toys, and various gifts
 Miss DuBois, toys and various gifts
 Mrs. Tied, basket of apples and cake.
 Strong, Hart, Barnes & Co., 2 turkeys
 Mrs. T. H. Bishop, 1 turkey.
 Print 1,100 small bouquets of choice flowers, with illustrated cards in envelopes
 addressed to each patient, and placed on their pillows during the night.
 Dr. Beckwith, cash, \$7.00
 H. W. Parmes, cash, \$10.00.
 Honey Parana, 1 \$50.00 to be expended by the doctor and pleasure of
 the patients.

DONATIONS ON HOSPITAL SUNDAY, 1881.

JANUARY 30th.

H. S. Fellows,	\$20.00
Church of the United Society, (North Church),	133.55
Third Congregational Church,	38.79
Henry W. Farnam,	200.00
Mrs. Thomas H. Trowbridge,	25.00
First Church, (Center),	532.36
St. John's Church, (Episcopal),	14.15
Church of the Redeemer,	230.60
" Messiah,	14.72
" Ascension,	10.25
Calvary Baptist Church,	65.42
Westville Congregational Church, Westville,	28.16
Christ Church, Guilford,	22.18
Durham Church,	62.32
First Congregational Church, North Haven,	10.65
Broad Avenue Congregational Church,	20.08
George St. M. E. Church,	14.00
Trinity Church,	222.75
Congregational Church, Seymour,	14.00
Trinity Chapel,	8.12
First M. E. Church,	44.31
East Congregational Church,	27.68
First Congregational Church, Fair Haven,	15.00
Mrs. T. D. Wheeler,	35.00
Mrs. P. B. Dexter,	10.00
Christ Church,	35.00
German E. L. Trinity Church,	5.85
Temple Street Congregational Church,	2.21
Dwight Place Church,	53.23
St. Patrick's (R. C.) Church,	40.00
St. John's (R. C.) Church,	38.41
Members of St. Paul's Church,	20.00
First Baptist Church,	85.62
Southford Congregational Church, Northford,	7.20

\$2,986.31

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT, IN RECORD WITH L. R.
HOTTENSHAM, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 1, 1881.	Balance on account,	\$355.25
	Collections, Hospital Sunday, 1881, (see next),	2,980.81
	Donations from Henry W. Parsons, for special im- provements,	60.00
	Donations from S. E. Bulfinch, trustee, (Black Est.),	1,820.17
	" " Henry Bowman, for free bed,	2,000.00
	" " Estate of Huldah Cow, legacy,	500.00
	" " Mary E. Scrantom,	25.00
	" " Wm. A. Fox,	25.00
	" " Theodore A. Tuttle,	10.00
	Cash, sundry payments,	25.00
	Interest, town of New Haven, on \$5,000 note, to March 15,	225.00
	" town of New Haven, on \$15,000 note, to May 5,	275.00
	" on \$200, bonds of Burlington, C. R. & N. R. R., to June 1,	77.50
	" M. C. and H. W. E. Mason, \$5,000 note, to December 7, 1881,	150.00
	" \$4,000, City of N. H. bonds, due July 1,	100.00
	" \$4,000, Del. & Hudson Canal Co. bonds, due July 1,	100.00
	" Town of New Haven, \$5,000 note, to Sept. 15,	225.00
	" Town of New Haven, \$15,000 note, to March 5,	275.00
	" \$700, H. Cedar Rapids & Northern R. R. bonds, due December 1,	57.50
	" M. C. and H. W. E. Mason, \$5,000 note, to June 7, 1882,	150.00
	" \$4,000, City of N. H. bonds, due Jan- uary 1, 1882,	100.00
	" \$4,000, Del. & Hudson Canal Co. bonds, due Jan. 1, 1882,	100.00
	Gifts from J. B. Starkweather, Sept. in 1881,	\$2,515.11
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		\$35,474.50

1882.

PAYMENTS.

Amt. of orders to Presidential Committee.....	\$25,964.92
Society essay, dated July 22, 1879, paid.....	2,000.00
R. E. Rose, 146, paid.....	11.20
Amt. paid for 4 bonds of \$1,000 each, Del. & H. Canal Co., @ 107.....	4,280.00
" " 2 " of \$100 each R. C. R. & N. H. R., @ 109.....	202.00
" " 1 " of \$500 R. C. R. & N. H. R., @ 101.....	505.00
" paid Edwin K. Dorr, 152.....	75.00
" " O. A. Dorman, ".....	2.95
" " Tuttle, Monahan & Taylor, 14E.....	1.87
" " for stamps.....	2.50
" " for envelopes.....	.60
Dec. 25. Balance to new account. (General account.).....	\$1,115.90
" " " (Back Fund account.).....	911.55
	<hr/> 1,508.45
	<hr/> \$25,474.56

E. and O. E.,

LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, Treasurer.

I have examined the within and foregoing accounts and compared the same with the account as entered upon the books of the Treasurer, and have compared the payments therein made, with the vouchers therefor, and find the same correct. I also find that the Treasurer has in his possession the following securities and property belonging to said Hospital Society, viz:

- \$4,000 bonds of the City of New Haven.
- \$5,000 note of Mary C. and H. W. E. Munson, secured by mortgage.
- \$15,000 note of the Town of New Haven.
- \$5,000 note of the Town of New Haven.
- \$4,000 registered bonds of the Del. & Hudson Canal Co.
- \$200 bonds of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern R. R. Co.

HENRY D. WHITE, Auditor.

New Haven, January 30th, 1882.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

*To the Presidential Committee of the General Hospital Society
of Connecticut:*

GENTLEMEN:—Our report for the past year will be found exceedingly brief. This is due to the fact that we have so little to criticize. Indeed, the sentiment of the Board runs to hearty commendation of Hospital superintendence and methods.

The improved plumbing appears to meet all present needs. Everything in that direction is now reasonably safe and sweet. Difficult as it must be to keep the sinks and drains in order, we see no failure or fault here.

The burning of bandages successfully carries out a previous suggestion. We feel that this practice ensures perfect safety to the Institution and its surroundings.

Perhaps, however, the refrigerator accommodations can be still further enlarged with good results.

Visits have been regularly paid by the Board to the different departments of the Hospital; and the public may rest satisfied that the Institution is a credit both to the State and City.

Very respectfully,

BENJAMIN F. MANSFIELD, *Chairman*.
MAIER ZUNDER,
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THOS. E. BACON,
E. W. BABCOCK, *Secretary*.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Applications for the admission of patients should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, and should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital, New Haven, Conn. In accordance with the regulations of the Hospital, the superintendent, as the representative of the professional committee, arranges the terms of admission according to the circumstances of the case and the accommodation required.

2. The Nursing is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. The ordinary charge per week for accommodation in the Wards is \$6.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing.

4. Private rooms are furnished at \$12.00 or more per week according to the requirements of the case.

5. Persons partly supported by the towns in which they reside and partly by the State appropriation, are admitted on an order from the town authorities. Town patients are received at \$4.00 per week, the remainder is paid out of the State Appropriation.

6. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war and now residents are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability, contracted in the service.

7. Patients whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund are admitted on the order of the collector of the port of New Haven.

8. Persons carried directly to the hospital from the place of an accident are admitted immediately.

9. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

10. *Inebriate persons and those suffering from contagious diseases are not admitted.*

NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

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In consideration of the admission of _____ into the Institution of the "General Hospital Society of Connecticut," at New Haven, I engage to provide, or pay for, a sufficiency of clothing for _____, and pay to the Treasurer of said Institution _____ dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance; and to cause said patient to be removed when discharged, without expense to said Institution, and, in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

Principal.

For value received, I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulations.

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Surgeon.

APPENDIX.

THE CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Training School for Nurses has been established for eight years. At first the number of pupils was limited to six; within two years it was increased to eleven, then to fourteen, and these not being sufficient to meet the many demands for special and continuous attention which critical cases required, the prudential committee consented in December, 1886, to provide board and washing for seventeen pupils, a head nurse and an assistant. The pupils remain in the hospital for one year and pursue their studies and daily routine of work under the superintendence of the head nurse. Each nurse is assigned to one ward or department for several weeks, and in the course of a year has studied surgical, medical, and obstetrical nursing, and also the preparation of special diets suitable for invalids and convalescents. Symptom records are kept which enable the physician to ascertain the varied phases of the disease since he last saw the patient.

At the close of the year of study the nurse has a vacation of one month, and then returns to take for five months each case of private practice as shall be assigned to her. Her home is in the Hospital when her services are not called for elsewhere, and the school pays for all the nurses there in excess of the number allowed.

The hospital authorities appreciate most highly the advantages of having this school established here. Those who enter it either have a special gift for nursing or, with a true spirit of self-sacrifice, have devoted themselves to the noble work of ministering to others; consequently the duties of that department are performed more faithfully and more skillfully than in former years when it was thought that strength was the only requisite in a nurse.

Those wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the Secretary of the Society, when, if approved by the Executive Committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the Hospital. The candidates must be over twenty-two and under forty years of age, and must present a certificate from a clergyman and

physician as to their good moral character and sound health. They will be received for one month on probation and without compensation.

Information concerning the School will be furnished by the President, Vice-President, or other members of the Executive Committee.

Pupils are received from any State.

Applications for admission should be made as early as possible to the Secretary, Miss Emily Betts, 73 Whitney Ave., New Haven.

Physicians or others in any part of the State desiring to secure the services of trained nurses for men or women, medical or surgical patients, should apply by telegraph or letter, stating the nature of the case, to the Superintendent of Nursing, New Haven Hospital.

The price per week for the services of a trained nurse is \$12.00, unless two members of the family are ill at the same time, when there will be a slight additional charge. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the public that it is more economical, and safer for the patient, to employ a reliable nurse, than to indulge in a natural but misplaced sentiment, which sacrifices the strength of an entire family in the care of one invalid member.

Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

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FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY

OF

CONNECTICUT.

FOR THE YEAR 1882.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 25th, 1883.

NEW HAVEN:

BOWEN & JOHNSON, PRINTERS, 82 AVENUE STREET.
1883.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

Test. I give and bequeath to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, in the City of New Haven, the sum of dollars, to be paid by my Executors, out of my real or personal estate, as soon as the settlement of my affairs will permit, to the Treasurer of said Institution for the time being, in trust, to be applied by the Directors thereof to the humane purposes of said Institution.

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A donation of \$5,000 entitles the donor, his heirs and assigns, to nominate patients to a free bed in perpetuity.

A donation of \$2,500 entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed, in perpetuity, for six months in each year, or to nominate patients to a free bed during the life of the donor.

A donation of \$1,000 entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed for any three months in each year during his life.

FREE BED FUND.

1874—HENRY PARKER,	\$5,000
1874—WM. FRYER,	5,000
1874—JAMES E. KNOLLY,	5,000
1878—EDWIN M. GIFFORD,	5,000
1880—HENRY BROWN,	5,000
1881—HENRY BROWN,*	2,500

PERMANENT FUND.

1877—EDWIN LARVER,	\$5,000
1878—NATHAN A. HORTON,	5,000

* Since the annual meeting Dr. Brown has added \$2,500.00 to his previous donations, thus founding two full free beds in perpetuity, and giving the Hospital Society renewed occasion to acknowledge with gratitude his great liberality.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors has the honor to present herewith to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut its fifty-sixth annual report as prepared by the Prudential Committee.

Our report for the year 1882 shows a large increase of business over that of 1881 and, unfortunately, a still larger increase in our deficit.

We have had under treatment during the past year a total of 308 patients. There have been 17 births and 95 deaths. The maximum number of patients on any one day has been 122; the minimum, 89; the average, 106½. Thus our minimum last year was exactly equal to our average of the year before, while our average was greater by 19½. The average in 1880 was 81½ and in 1879, 67½.

The Superintendent's balance-sheet shows the total earnings (deducting, as usual, from his total of receipts the balance from old account and the amount refunded patients) to be \$30,530.15; total expenses \$37,991.15; deficit \$7,461.00. These figures do not, of course, include our income from endowments, or from the contributions of Hospital Sunday, or from occasional donations, sent directly to the Treasurer. They do not, therefore, necessarily represent a deficit in the general balance-sheet of the Hospital. Moreover they are, taken by themselves, misleading, because the \$1,259.00 of the State appropriation, due for the last quarter and totally paid before the closing of our accounts, has not yet been received. As there can be no doubt that this will soon be sent in, our real deficit is reduced to \$6,211.00. But even this is greater than our last year's deficit by \$3,073.24, and demands an explanation.

If we look first at our earnings, we find them to be an average (including the State appropriation still to be paid in) \$5.72 per week per patient in 1882, \$5.85 in 1881. This difference is due in part to our having had a less profitable class of private patients last year than the year before, the average receipts from that class being only \$6.64, as against \$7.81 in 1881, in part to the fact that the item of the State appropriation, being constant, naturally amounts to less per patient, the more patients we have.

If we turn on the other hand to our expenditures, we find the outlay per patient per week to have been . . . \$6.70 in 1882; 6.37 in 1881; dif. 33c. Of this sum the food cost . . . 3.40 in 1882; 3.18 in 1881; dif. 22c. Furniture, repairs, etc.,40 in 1882; .37 in 1881; dif. 13c. Remaining items2.89 in 1882; 2.71 in 1881; dif. 2c.

Thus the 33 cents difference between 1881 and 1882 are made up of an increase of 22 cents on food, 13 cents on furniture and permanent improvements, and of a falling off of 2 cents on the other items. The furniture, etc., has been absolutely necessary in order to accommodate the large number of patients; and the outlay for food is due to a rise of price, not to extravagance, for we find that in all the principal items the consumption per patient has been either just the same, or a little less than in 1881. In view of this unavoidable deficit, a deficit owing partly to the falling off in receipts, partly to the increased cost of food, partly to the necessity of increasing our accommodations, we recommend that the question of providing against such an unfavorable balance in the future, be thoroughly studied by the Board of Directors at the beginning of the new year, and offer for their careful consideration the following facts* with regard to last year's business. There have been six classes of patients in the Hospital, distributed as follows:

Marine patients paying \$6.65 till July 1, now \$2.00 a week, occupying . . .	2967 weeks.
Self-paying patients at \$15.00, 12.00, or 8.00 or on an average . . .	0.64 " " 11937 "
State soldier patients, . . .	4.50 " " 15344 "
Town patients, . . .	4.00 " " 24078 "
Free-bed patients, . . .	— " " 723 "
Charity patients, . . .	— " " 447 "

The care of each patient cost us on an average \$6.70 a week; therefore the loss or gain for each class was as follows:

Marine patients, gain . . .	\$40.84 in the aggregate.
Self-paying patients, loss . . .	\$0.01 per week; \$71.00 "
State soldier " " . . .	3.20 " 3376.05 "
Town " " . . .	2.70 " 6469.33 "
Free-bed " " . . .	6.70 " 520.59 "
Charity " " . . .	6.70 " 296.67 "

\$10,764.24

Net loss, deducting gain on marines, \$10,723.40

* The statistics that follow could not be obtained in time for insertion in the original report but are printed with it on account of their bearing upon the recommendations.

This loss has been provided for as follows:

An annual appropriation of \$3,000.00 is given by *statute* to make good the loss on charity and town patients. As our loss on these two classes together was \$6,726.00 the appropriation fell short of its purpose by \$1,726.00. This was covered, with \$160.00 to spare, by our income of \$1,902.50 from invested funds.

The loss of \$3,376.85 on soldier patients was a little more than covered by the Hospital Sunday contribution of \$3,096.93.

The loss of \$692.15 on self-paying and free-bed patients was in part made up by sundry receipts and occasional donations, and in part shows itself in the shrinkage of our cash and bank balances. In other words we are obliged to clear out the State appropriation by using the income of our funds and to take up a contribution in the churches in order to help the State pay for the soldiers it undertakes to support. Neither of these results was, of course, contemplated, when the existing arrangements were made, but they have grown up gradually with the increase of town and soldier patients, and with the rise in the price of food, until we have now been brought to the unfortunate necessity of using up in aid to the State the means supplied by our generous friends for the care of the poor. We hope that this anomalous state of things will not be allowed to continue long, and that, whatever remedy may be thought desirable, whether an increase in the appropriation, or an increase in the rates, as time may be lost in securing it.

Two improvements of importance have been made on the premises during the past year. The Training School for Nurses has completed and occupied its new dormitory, thus securing much better accommodations for the nurses and giving the Hospital the use of the rooms formerly occupied by them. The rooms thus set free have been re-arranged so as to form a dining-room, a pantry, two closets, and a bed-room, and still leave two large rooms for patients requiring special treatment. These changes will enable us to use the west ward as a sick ward, and we have accordingly had new radiators for steam-heating put into it, and a bath-room and other conveniences added at the west end. The total cost of these improvements, which will not be far from \$1,000.00, will have to be met during the coming year.

Six of our soldier patients have been removed to Fitch's Home,

Noroton, thus relieving the pressure in our convalescent ward. The rate for the care of marine patients has been raised by the U. S. Government, at our request, from \$6.65 to \$7.00 a week, the change going into effect July 1st.

Among the gifts that the Hospital has received during the year we acknowledge with especial appreciation the liberal contribution of \$2,500.00 which Dr. Henry Bronson has added to the \$5,000.00 given in 1881.

We take pleasure, finally, in alluding to the continued efficiency and fidelity of the Training School for Nurses, and to the vigilance and care of the Superintendent and the various officers of the Hospital. We are also indebted to the Board of Visitors for their frequent visits, to the clergymen of New Haven who have conducted services in the chapel, and to the many friends who have kindly given their money and time for the comfort and pleasure of the patients at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For the Board of Directors,

HENRY W. FARNAM,	} <i>Prudential</i> <i>Committee.</i>
WILLIAM H. CARMALT,	
THOMAS HOOKER,	

NEW HAVEN, *January 23rd, 1883.*

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

*To the Board of Directors of the General Hospital Society of
Connecticut:*

GENTLEMEN:—The statistics of 1882 show a large increase in the number of surgical patients. We are greatly pleased with the complete and expensive electrical apparatus of sixty cells, which has been so generously provided, and we trust that our patients may obtain the full therapeutic value of this improvement.

During the past year an ambulance has been purchased by the town for the use of the Almshouse, and the Police Department has taken steps towards procuring one for use in cases of accident in the city. By these conveyances much suffering and danger will be prevented.

All who have opportunity for observation will see the need of more complete ventilation and warming for the full wards, and we believe the Prudential Committee and the Board of Directors will unite with the Medical Board in hoping that want of funds may not long hinder a thorough improvement in this respect.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. GILBERT, M. D.,

Secretary of the Medical Board.

NEW HAVEN, January 6th, 1883.

MEDICAL STATISTICS.

SURGICAL CASES TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING 1892.

Ablation of penis and testes.....	1	Eczema.....	7
Abscess iliac.....	1	Elephantiasis Barbadoensis.....	1
" ischio-rectal.....	3	Epididymitis.....	2
" gluteal.....	1	Epithelioma cervix-uteri.....	2
" lumbar.....	1	" of ear.....	1
" palmar.....	1	" " trough.....	1
" perineal.....	1	" " vulva.....	5
" pharyngeal.....	1	Erysipelas traumatic.....	1
" poas.....	1	Fistula anal.....	2
" of thigh.....	1	" internal.....	1
Amputation external iliac.....	1	" lacrimal.....	1
" popliteal.....	1	" perianal.....	1
Ankylosis of knee joint.....	4	" vesico-rectal.....	1
" false of shoulder joint.....	1	Foreign bodies in eye.....	5
Arthritis of knee.....	2	Fracture Clavus.....	3
Atrophy of optic disc.....	1	" costal.....	2
Bled sores.....	1	" of humer.....	5
Blepharospasm.....	1	" " " and radius.....	1
Burns.....	14	" " " " patella.....	1
Calculus prostatic.....	1	" " " " both in	
" urethral.....	1	meri.....	1
" vesical.....	5	" " " extra-capsular.....	1
Carcinoma of osilla.....	1	" " inferior maxilla.....	1
" " mammary gland.....	3	" " humer and fibula.....	1
" " pectus.....	1	" " olecranon.....	1
Caries of sternum.....	5	" " patella.....	1
" " vertebrae.....	2	" " pelvis.....	1
Cataract.....	7	" " vertebrae.....	3
Chancro.....	1	" " tibia and fibula.....	7
Chancroid.....	2	" " both ext malleoli and	
Closed pupil.....	1	head of radius.....	1
Congestion of brain.....	1	" " inter-condyloid of hume-	
Concussion of brain.....	2	rum.....	1
Conjunctivitis.....	2	" " comp. of radius and ulna.....	1
Contracted tendons.....	2	" " " metatarsal bones.....	1
Contractions.....	16	" " " tibia and fibula.....	3
Curvature spinal.....	1	" " " tibia.....	1
Cystitis, chronic.....	1	" " " com. of leg.....	4
" and peritonitis.....	1	" " " fore-arm.....	1
Dislocation acromial end of		" " " skull.....	2
clavicle.....	1	" " " both legs.....	1
Dislocation of humerus.....	1	" " " tibia and	
Ectropion.....	1	femur.....	1

Froon foot.....	1	Barbitts.....	1
Gout varum.....	2	Retro-sion of sterna.....	3
Glaucous.....	1	Rheumatism gonorrhoal.....	1
Gonorrhea in male.....	4	Rupture of caps. lig. of shoulder.....	1
" female.....	1	Scalpy.....	1
Gonorrhea lida.....	2	Sprain of ankle.....	3
Hemorrhage from lingual tissue.....	1	Synchysis anterior.....	1
Hemorrhoids.....	6	Synchysis arthral.....	12
Hernia.....	2	Synchysis ulnar.....	2
Hydrocele single.....	2	Saburration of parotis.....	1
" double.....	1	Synovitis of knee.....	2
Hysteria epilepsy.....	1	" ankle.....	1
Impetigo contagiosa.....	1	Syphilis.....	16
Keratitis.....	6	Talipes, varum.....	2
Knee-joint, caseous degeneration of.....	1	Tumors, abdominal.....	2
Laceration cervic-frontal.....	3	" dermoid cyst of cornea.....	1
" of perianth.....	3	" conjunctival.....	1
" " and cervix oral.....	1	" thyroid cyst of neck.....	1
Leg crushed.....	1	" lingual.....	1
Lymphangitis.....	3	" lipoma of arm.....	1
Lymphadenitis.....	1	" myo-fibroma of sterna.....	1
Lymphadenoma.....	2	" lympho-sarcoma of groin.....	1
Malunion of fracture.....	3	" odontoma of antrum.....	1
Mechanic coracitis.....	7	" ovarian.....	2
Muscular strain.....	3	" osteosarcoma inf. max.....	1
Necrosis of humerus.....	3	" sarcoma of larynx.....	1
" " humerus.....	2	" sebaceous.....	1
" " inferior maxilla.....	2	" of skull.....	1
" " superior.....	1	Claws.....	16
" " tibia.....	4	Ulna, arthritis of.....	1
" " tibia and humerus.....	1	Veins, varicose.....	1
Oedema glottidis.....	1	Wounds, fingers and thumb.....	1
Opacity of cornea.....	1	" elbow.....	1
Ophthalmia.....	5	" incised of back.....	1
Panophthalmitis traumatica.....	1	" gun-shot of abdomen.....	1
" ulcerative.....	1	" " head.....	1
Paralysis.....	3	" saw-saw, of fore-arm.....	1
Pernio.....	1	" lacerato-contused of fore- arm.....	1
Platonic bulb-oculi.....	1	" scalp.....	1
Pneumonia traumatica.....	1	" skull fractured.....	1
Pott's disease.....	2	" toes.....	1
Prolapsus recti.....	1	Unclassified.....	8
Prostatic hypertrophy.....	2	Total.....	374

SURGICAL OPERATIONS PERFORMED DURING 1889

Abcess, dental, opened,.....	5	Paracentesis, knee joint,.....	1
Amputation of breast,.....	2	Perianthriaphy,.....	2
" " cervix uteri,.....	1	Reduction dislocated shoulder,...	3
" " Chopart's,.....	1	Refracture of shin,.....	1
" " of knee,.....	1	Resection, head of femur,.....	1
" " leg,.....	4	" " partial inf. maxilla,....	1
" " Pirogoff,.....	1	Rupture of contracted tendon,...	2
" " of thigh,.....	3	Scissors opened,.....	3
" " toes,.....	1	Strictures, urethral, dilated,.....	1
" " double, right leg, and left thigh,.....	1	" " " " divided,....	3
Avalanche of toesails,.....	1	Tenotomy,.....	4
Catheterism, external,.....	1	Tescheotomy,.....	1
Carcinoma of rectum, extirpa- tion,.....	1	Tescheuraphy,.....	1
Cataract,.....	3	Trophising, skull,.....	1
Circumcision,.....	1	Tumors removed, cervix uteri,...	1
Excision of eye-ball,.....	3	" " epithelioma of vulva,....	1
Excision of end of fibula,.....	1	" " " " lingual,.....	1
Extraction of bullet,.....	1	" " " " lipoma of arm,...	1
Fistula in arm, division,.....	2	" " " " skinoma of scrotum,....	1
Hemorrhoids, ligation,.....	4	" " " " removal of eye tear,.....	1
Hydrocele, tapped,.....	2	" " " " cystic of neck,...	1
Indectomy,.....	6	" " " " conjunctival,...	1
Irritation of fragments in un- united fracture,.....	1	" " " " scirrhus in an- tila,.....	1
Laceration of secondary cataract,	3	" " " " submaxillary gland,....	1
Lithotomy,.....	2	Uncircumcised, external,.....	1
Lithotripsy,.....	2	" " " " internal,.....	1
Necrosis of tibia removed,.....	2		
Oncotomy,.....	3	Total,.....	114
On dilatation of,.....	1		
Ovariectomy,.....	3		
Paracentesis, cornea,.....	2		

Prepared by

L. T. DAY, M. D., *House Surgeon*

MEDICAL CASES TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR 1882

Abortion,.....	2	Laryngitis, acute,.....	1
" threatened,.....	1	Leucorrhœa,.....	2
Alcoholism,.....	3	Limbago,.....	1
Alcoholism,.....	17	Malaria,.....	27
Anæmia,.....	4	Meningitis, tubercular,.....	1
" apical,.....	1	Metritis, chronic,.....	1
Anæsthesia, asthic,.....	2	Mitral lesion,.....	1
Anæsthesia, cardiac,.....	1	Nephritis, acute,.....	2
Apoplexy,.....	2	" chronic,.....	7
Arteritis, chronic,.....	3	Nervægia,.....	1
" deformans,.....	1	Neurosthenia,.....	4
Ascites,.....	1	Notalgia,.....	1
Ascaris lumbricoidea,.....	1	Paralysis, agitante,.....	1
Ataxia locomotor,.....	3	Paraplegia,.....	3
Bronchitis, acute,.....	8	Pituitia,.....	25
Carcinoma of stomach,.....	1	Pleuritis, acute,.....	2
Cataract, gastro-intestinal,.....	1	" chronic,.....	2
Chorea,.....	4	Pneumonia, acute,.....	30
Cirrhosis hepatis,.....	3	" chronic,.....	2
Climacteria,.....	1	Poliopting, carbonic oxide,.....	1
Diphthery,.....	4	" lead,.....	4
Delirium tremens,.....	2	" strychnia,.....	1
Diarrhœa, chronic,.....	7	Parosmia,.....	1
Dysentery,.....	2	Reinfection, meri,.....	1
Emphysema pulmonalis,.....	1	Rheumatism, acute,.....	4
Endocarditis,.....	1	" chronic,.....	19
Endometritis, chronic, cervical,.....	1	" malarial,.....	2
Encephalitis, catarrhal,.....	1	Rapture, abdominal muscles,.....	1
Epilepsy,.....	2	Sclerica,.....	2
Erysipelas, facial,.....	2	Scintilla, os-neri,.....	1
Fever, malarial,.....	17	Semity,.....	4
" typhoid,.....	15	Serosia, asthic,.....	1
" typho-malarial,.....	2	Ulcer, gastric,.....	1
Gastritis, chronic,.....	1	Vaginitis,.....	1
Gout,.....	2	Vascular relax,.....	1
Hemiplegia,.....	12	Awaiting confinement,.....	21
Hysteria,.....	5	Unclassified,.....	11
Insanity,.....	2		

NUMBER OF BIRTHS

January,.....	1	July.....	0
February.....	3	August.....	0
March.....	2	September.....	4
April.....	1	October.....	0
May.....	1	November.....	2
June.....	2	December.....	1

Prepared by F. H. WHEELER, M. D.

House Physician.

CAUSES OF DEATH

Abscess of fascia with pyæmia: of shoulder.....	1	Meningitis, acute.....	1
Abscess psoas.....	1	" tubercular.....	1
" syphilitic.....	1	Mitral lesion.....	1
" of thigh.....	1	Necrosis of ilium.....	1
Amputation at knee.....	1	Nephritis, acute.....	1
" of leg.....	1	" chronic.....	3
" " thigh.....	1	Ovariotomy.....	1
" " double, thigh and leg.....	1	Paralysis with bed sores.....	1
Anæmia, vertigo.....	1	Peritonitis.....	1
" external iliac.....	1	Phthisis.....	18
Apoplexy.....	2	Pleuritis and pericarditis.....	1
Asphyxia.....	3	Pneumonia, acute.....	1
Bronchitis.....	2	" chronic.....	1
Burns.....	3	" traumatic.....	1
Chlocoform poisoning.....	1	Pyæmia, chronic.....	2
Carcinoma, hepatic.....	2	Railroad injury, complicated.....	1
Cystitis, chronic.....	1	Scleritis, os uteri.....	1
Diarrhoea, chronic.....	1	Senility.....	1
Eclampsia, puerperal.....	1	Somnolence, vertigo.....	1
Epilepsy.....	1	Sepicæmia, puerperal.....	1
Epithelioma, cervix uteri.....	3	Tumors, myo-fibroma of uterus.....	1
" of ear.....	1	" osteo-sarcoma inf. max.....	1
Fever, typhoid.....	7	Ulcer, indolent with mitral in- sufficiency.....	1
Fracture, compound of fore-arm and thigh.....	1	Uremia.....	1
Fracture, compound-comminuted of skull.....	2	Urethrotomy, external.....	1
Hemiplegia.....	2	" internal.....	1
Leucocythæmia.....	1	Wounds, gas-shot of abdomen.....	1
		Total.....	95

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW HAVEN, *January 31, 1883.*

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith respectfully submit the fifty-sixth annual report of receipts and disbursements, number of patients in Hospital, and other statistics of last year's business.

The number of patients remaining in the Hospital December 31st, 1881, was 103—80 males, 23 females; admitted during the year 1882, 605—433 males, 172 females; making a total of 708 under treatment; 513 males, 195 females. Of this number 344 recovered; 174 males, 66 females. 219 were discharged improved, 57 unimproved, 96 died, and 96 remained under treatment December 31st, 1882. There were 17 births; 9 males, 8 females.

The whole number of weeks occupied was 5,553½, of which 4,619½ were occupied by charity patients, or those not paying full rates. These came from 84 different towns and villages. The greatest number of patients any one day was 132, the lowest 89, the daily average being 106½. The attendants and other inmates have averaged 53½, making a total of 160½.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

THE SUPERINTENDENT IN ACCOUNT WITH GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

Dr.

1882. To amount received:	
Balance from old account, January 1st, 1882.	\$ 230.10
Self-paying patients.	7,812.91
Various towns for support of patients.	9,406.34
United States.	1,056.91
State of Connecticut.	5,903.26
State appropriation.	2,156.00
Hospital Leagues.	21.95
Sundries.	915.72
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	\$41,335.29
Orders on Treasurer.	21,877.53
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	\$19,457.76

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1882. By amounts paid for:	
Flour, 4,637 lbs.	\$ 397.91
Meal and Rice, 4,270 lbs.	191.00

Bread and Crackers, 28,978 lbs.,	\$1,121.86
Cake,	208.50
Butter, 5,553 lbs.,	1,709.32
Cheese, 1,070 lbs.,	145.74
Meat, 47,459 lbs.,	8,198.72
Poultry, 4,286 lbs.,	890.80
Fish and Oysters, (179) galls., 7,489 lbs.,	885.90
Vegetables and Fruit,	1,202.49
Eggs, 3,445 dozen,	540.90
Groceries,	1,739.35
Milk, 27,952 qts.,	2,746.73
Ice, 154,980 lbs.,	297.38
Liquors,	333.97
Ale and Beer,	328.58
Medicines,	1,561.99
Instruments,	437.74
Surgical Dressings,	531.84
Fuel,	2,900.00
Gas, 490,908 ft.,	585.32
Water,	150.00
Furniture and Crockery,	378.44
Clothes and Bedding,	886.02
Repairs and Improvements,	507.84
Postage, Printing, and Stationery,	398.32
Barn and Farm expenses,	315.83
Tools,	9.69
Salaries and Wages,	5,459.69
Potash and Soap,	231.32
Insurance,	263.59
Sundries,	582.90
Extra nurses,	39.79
Total current expenses,	\$57,727.44
Electrical apparatus,	263.71
Refunded to patients,	435.17
Deposited with Treasurer,	24,608.43
Balance on hand, January 31st, 1883,	58.47
	<hr/> \$83,113.22
Total current Hospital expenses,	37,727.44
Less board of Superintendent's family and others,	540.83
	<hr/> \$37,186.61
Number of weeks of Hospital care, 5,553 $\frac{1}{2}$.	
Cost per week per patient,	\$6.70
Total cost of food,	18,928.61
Average daily number of inmates, 1901.	
Cost of food per day, per inmate,	32 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Respectfully, J. H. STARKWEATHER, *Superintendent.*

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31, 1881,	90	21	107
Admitted during 1882.	433	172	605
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Total,	518	185	703
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured,	164	68	232
Imported,	192	61	253
Unimproved,	38	22	61
Died,	72	24	96
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Remaining under treatment Dec. 31, 1882.	437	175	612
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Total,	521	192	703

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM JAN. 1, 1882, TO DEC. 31, 1882.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
January,	39	12	51
February,	31	21	52
March,	44	14	58
April,	38	17	55
May,	26	11	37
June,	27	15	42
July,	27	19	46
August,	40	19	59
September,	22	22	44
October,	41	11	52
November,	33	19	52
December,	33	5	38
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Total,	433	172	605

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

United States,	329	Switzerland,	1
Ireland,	160	Portugal,	1
Germany,	46	Norway,	3
England,	15	Italy,	5
Scotland,	12	West India,	1
Canada,	3	Russia,	3
France,	2	Hungary,	4
Nova Scotia,	4	Unknown,	4
Sweden,	8		
Finland,	2		
Austria,	3		
		Total,	605

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males	Females	Total
Under 15 years,	17	15	32
From 15 to 20 years,	30	12	42
" 20 to 30 "	121	60	181
" 30 to 40 "	86	26	112
" 40 to 50 "	71	24	95
" 50 to 60 "	61	18	79
" 60 to 70 "	31	12	43
" 70 to 80 "	3	4	7
" 80 to 90 "	1		1
Total,	421	172	593

TIME OCCUPIED BY THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF PATIENTS.

U. S. Marine Patients,	2862.7 weeks.
State Soldier "	1534 1.7 "
Town "	2467 3.7 "
Self Paying "	1183 5.7 "
Free Bed "	77 5.7 "
Charity "	412.7 "

Total, 5531 5.7

REPRESENTATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st, 1882.

Albanytown, 1	Fairfield, 1	New London, 2
Ansonia, 22	Fair Haven, 15	New Milford, 4
Branford, 4	Greenwich, 1	New Haven, 255
Beacon Falls, 1	Groton, 1	New Preston, 1
Bethel, 2	Guilford, 1	North Haven, 6
Birmingham, 8	Hamden, 5	Norwalk, 3
Bridgeport, 23	Hartford, 1	Old Lyme, 1
Bristol, 1	Hartwinton, 1	Old Saybrook, 1
Betha, 1	Hethon, 1	Orange, 2
Cheshire, 3	Huntington, 2	Painville, 3
Canton, 1	Litchfield, 1	Pasterville, 1
Chester, 0	Middletown, 1	Pine Meadow, 2
Cornwall, 1	Milford, 4	Portland, 3
Danbury, 2	Middlebury, 2	Prospect, 1
Derby, 4	Milford, 4	Rockville, 1
Deep River, 2	Middlebury, 1	Seymour, 2
Derham, 1	Mt. Carmel, 1	Selden, 3
East Haddam, 1	Nagswack, 14	Shannon, 1
East Hampton, 1	New Britain, 4	Southport, 1
East Haven, 2	New Hartford, 2	Southbury, 4

Southington.....	6	Unionville.....	2	Waterville.....	1
Stafford.....	2	Waterbury.....	13	Winsted.....	1
Stonington.....	1	Watertown.....	2	Woodbury.....	1
Thomaston.....	7	Waterford.....	1	Westbrook.....	1
Terryville.....	1	West Haven.....	1	Westport.....	2
Union City.....	1	Wallingford.....	3	Whitseyville.....	2

OCCUPATION.

Agents.....	1	Dress makers.....	2	Patent solicitor.....	1
Barber.....	1	Druggist.....	1	Peddlers.....	2
Blacksmith.....	15	Engineer.....	1	Pollsters.....	1
Blacksmith.....	10	Factory girls.....	3	Porter.....	1
Brass workers.....	6	Factory mch.....	1	Printers.....	2
Barber.....	1	Farmers.....	13	Physicians.....	3
Brass spinners.....	1	Firemen.....	3	Quarrymen.....	2
Brass molder.....	1	Gardeners.....	7	Rubber cutters.....	3
Brickmakers.....	1	Gas fitter.....	1	Rubber workers.....	3
Butchers.....	2	Gracer.....	1	Servants.....	22
Brewers.....	2	Gilder.....	1	Seamen.....	11
Britannia worker.....	2	Gum-maker.....	1	Salesmen.....	7
Box maker.....	1	Hack drivers.....	2	Stage driver.....	1
Brush maker.....	1	Harness makers.....	4	Seamstresses.....	2
Ballet maker.....	1	Hewler.....	4	Stewards.....	1
Bar-tender.....	3	Hotel-keeper.....	1	Steam-fitter.....	3
Boat makers.....	2	Iron founders.....	2	Silver-plater.....	1
Bulldozer.....	1	Jeweler.....	1	Spinner.....	1
Carpenters.....	8	Joiners.....	2	Ship carpenter.....	1
Carriage maker.....	1	Laborers.....	85	Shirt maker.....	1
Carriage painters.....	3	Lace maker.....	1	Shoe dealer.....	1
Clerks.....	2	Lamp maker.....	1	Shoe maker.....	2
Clock makers.....	6	Land-dress.....	1	Stone cutter.....	1
Cooks.....	1	Liquor dealer.....	1	Students.....	2
Coopers.....	2	Locksmith.....	1	Tally-man, R. R.....	1
Copper roller.....	1	Machinists.....	8	Talkers.....	4
Comet sticher.....	1	Masons.....	7	Tailors.....	1
Coarse ironer.....	1	Manufacturers.....	2	Teachets.....	1
Coal keeper.....	1	Metal turner.....	1	Teamsters.....	4
Cloth finisher.....	1	Mechanics.....	4	Tinsmith.....	1
Clergyman.....	1	Merchants.....	1	Turner.....	1
Cleaver.....	1	Musicians.....	1	Waiters.....	3
Chair makers.....	9	Molders.....	3	Watchman.....	1
Cabinet makers.....	2	Nurses.....	4	Watchmaker.....	1
Carriage trimmer.....	1	Oystermen.....	1	Weaver.....	1
Circular sawyer.....	1	Painters.....	7	Whedright.....	1
Cowmen.....	2	Paper maker.....	1	Wood chopper.....	1
Cotters.....	2	Printers.....	4		

STATEMENT OF DONATIONS RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL FOR THE YEAR ENDING.

DECEMBER 31, 1882.

Children of Dr. G. B. Farnam, 1 Organsette, (Christmas, 1881.) S. B. Butler, papers and magazines. Mrs. S. H. Chapman, Magazines. Miss Carpenter, magazines. Rev. E. W. Balcock, 1 book for library. H. B. Harrison, papers and magazines. Friend, bag of oranges for patients. Mrs. R. J. Moore, papers and magazines. Rev. E. E. Arwater, testament in large type. H. T. Blake, illustrated papers. Mrs. Everett, papers and magazines. H. G. Chase, papers. Mrs. Porter, Scribner's magazines. Edward Stevens, illustrated papers. Fire Engine Company No. 5, magazines. H. G. Chase, papers. Dr. Geo. B. Farnam, roll of old linen, 1 splint, 5 bottles Squibb's Tolid extract, 2 lb. ether, 1 oz. salicins, and sundry other medicines. Mrs. S. K. Barrows, papers and magazines. Mrs. Elliott, 1 bed-pan, 1 inhaler. Mrs. Chas. D. Miller, pamphlets and magazines. A. C. Jones, several books for library. H. B. Harrison, papers and magazines. H. W. Farnam, bill of window screens for children's ward, \$75.00. Mrs. Henry Farnam, new carpet for boarders' room. Mrs. Purves, 1 feather pillow, 1 bedquilt. H. G. Chase, newspapers. Rev. B. M. Fay, 7 books for library. Rev. Mr. Denton, papers. John G. North, 26 tickets for admission of patients to concert of "royal bell ringers." Mrs. Purves, 1 framed picture, lot of crockery, roll of old linen. Estate of Hon. Dr. Bacon, 2 book rests, 1 air cushion, 1 rubber syringe, papers, 1 pr. crutches, 1 invalid's rolling chair, 1 electrical machine. Mrs. J. H. Moore, magazines and papers. Mrs. Purves, 1 basket, 1 office arm chair. Mrs. W. H. Goodrich, 1 invalid's rolling chair. H. G. Chase, papers. Mrs. R. T. Merwin, papers and magazines. Dr. F. E. Beckwith, 3 vols. Harper's and Century magazines. Max Adler, 3 books for library. Mrs. Shipman, magazines. Miss Abbie C. Combs, papers and magazines. Mrs. M. P. Tyler, papers. H. G. Chase, papers. Ella M. Granniss, papers. H. G. Chase, papers. A. McAllister, old muslin and shirts. Friend, old shirts. Mrs. J. K. Thacher, infant's clothes. E. H. Jenkins, 1-2 doz. old handkerchiefs. Mrs. Ellen Cowles, 1 pair shoes. Mrs. E. C. Beecher, large bag new muslin pieces. Mrs. Prof. Newton, large roll flannels and muslin. Miss Hawkins, 2 old sheets. Friend, roll of old linen. Miss Yale, roll muslin. A. C. Jones, roll old linen and muslin. Mrs. Baldwin, roll old muslin. Mrs. R. A. Brown, roll old muslin and linen. Friend, roll old muslin and linen. Friend, roll old muslin and linen. Friend, roll old muslin and linen. Friend, 1 old sheet and linen. Friend, 3 rolls old linen. Friend, 1 roll old flannel. J. B. Baldwin, large roll old muslin. Mrs. Horace Fitch, large roll old muslin and linen. Mrs. J. G. Lewis, large roll old muslin and linen. Miss Carpenter, large roll old muslin and linen. Mrs. Eves A. Hale, 3 old sheets and old linen. Mrs. J. B. Baldwin, large roll old muslin. Mrs. W. F. Baldwin, old muslin. Mrs. Dr. Wells, old linen. Miss Hillhouse, old

linen. Mrs. J. B. Carrington, old linen and muslin. Henrietta Ingersoll, 2 beautiful paper dolls and dresses for the little girls. Mrs. Jonathan Ingersoll, large box toys for children. Mrs. Thomas Hooker, 8 infants' dresses and socks, mittens and leggings, shawl and hood. J. C. Bollier, old linen muslin and fannel. Miss Mollie Peck, old linen and muslin. Mrs. N. P. Hall, muslin, fannel and skirts. Mrs. Sperry, 2 pr. women dresses and skirt. Mrs. Everett, old linen. Unknown, 3 shirts. Miss L. E. W. Jocelyn, 30 night dresses. Friend, 10 night dresses and undergarments. Mrs. M. B. Hart, large roll old muslin. H. H. Peck, large roll old muslin and linen. Mrs. Tyler, toys for the children, undergarments, and old muslin. Friend, 212 old cup teats for children and women, Good Friday. Mrs. Chaffield, old muslin. Friend, old muslin. W. W. Gulpin, old muslin. Mrs. Bryson, old muslin. Mrs. Pratt, flowers. Prof. F. Carter, large lot of women's and children's clothing. Friend, bed-pans, urinal, syringe, and old muslin. Friend, old linen. Miss Ely of Hartford, through Mrs. Noah Porter, large box of beautiful flowers. Miss E. S. Hotchkiss, undershirts and old muslin. Mrs. P. Miller, undergarments. Mrs. J. K. Thacker, old muslin, blue flannel jacket, and other garments. Mrs. Warner, Bonnets (violins) for children. Friend, old muslin. Miss Harlow, 1 wrapper. Mrs. James Barker, old muslin and linen, undergarments, tumbler of jelly. Mrs. Bartles, old linen. Mrs. Henry Hotchkiss, old linen and muslin. Miss Fellowes, 2 framed pictures for children's ward. Miss Julia Miller, 2 granite saucepans, 1 fork, brook, medicine table and stockings. Mrs. Andrews, old linen and muslin. Friend, old muslin. Friend, old linen. Mr. B. S. Fellowes, large roll old linen. Mrs. Martin, old muslin. H. D. Woodward, old linen. Rev. Mr. Thomas, peaches for children. Friend, old linen. Mrs. W. H. Smith, old muslin and linen. Friend, old muslin and linen. Mrs. E. E. Atwater, 7 undergarments and night dresses, and old linen. Mrs. Hotchkiss, old linen and muslin, 2 vests, 1 box shirts. Y. M. C. A., 1 box of Bonnets. Dr. Allen, old linen and muslin, and undergarments. Mrs. Tracy, old linen and muslin, and undergarments. Mrs. Dr. Foster, 2 night-dresses, 2 flannel socks. Mrs. Bond, old linen and underwear, 5 boxes strawberries, 20 bananas, toys, and flowers for children. Mrs. Dr. Chapman, large lot of clothing, &c., for children and infants. H. B. Harrison, 30 pr. stockings and underwear. Mrs. Wilson, basket of roses. Mrs. Dr. Bacon, night dresses, slippers, old muslin. Mrs. E. F. Elich, a tea party for the children. C. B. Wills, box of roses. Dr. Thomas B. Russell, single lantern entertainment for children, with strawberries and cream. Mrs. Smith, old linen and muslin. Friend, old linen and handkerchiefs. Friend, old linen and muslin. H. W. Farnum, several illustrated English papers sent from London. A. L. Smith, old linen and muslin. Friend, 4 shirts, 6 pr. stockings. Friend roll of old linen. Mrs. E. J. Harrison, old linen and muslin. Friend, box of gossamers. Miss M. H. Peck, old muslin. Mrs. Dr. Thatcher, 2 lap robes, and 2 saques for children, and underwear for men and women. Mrs. Warner, old muslin. Mrs. Hastings, old muslin. Friend, old muslin and linen, and 2 shirts. Mrs. J. E. Struthers, old muslin and linen and 2 shirts. Mrs. Russell, old linen. Friend, old linen and muslin.

Friend, five old linen. Friend, old muslin. Mrs. Sperry, grapes for patients. Mrs. Wayland, flowers. Mrs. Howard Park, old muslin and linen. Friend, old muslin. Miss Dallois, old linen table cloth. E. H. Jenkins, 1 basket grapes. Geo. Hale, shirts and drawers. Mrs. Carrington, 2 undergarments, and old linen and muslin. Mrs. John E. Earle, 4 shirts, flannel underwear and stockings. Mrs. Frederick Ives, 3 shirts and underwear. Mr. Read, flowers. Miss Burt, old linen. Mrs. Marvile, 15 pieces infant's clothing. Mrs. Hooker, old linen, 2 dresses, infant's clothing, underwear. Mrs. H. M. Hochstetler, 5 shirts. Friend, 2 shirts and underwear. Mrs. Sanford, grapes. A. B. Bradley, 9 shirts. Mrs. Yale, old muslin. Mrs. Dr. Sanford, old linen and flannel undergarments. Friend, 5 shirts and collars. Mrs. Russell, 4 prs. children's stockings. Friend, old muslin and linen, 2 prs. drawers and 6 prs. socks. Mrs. Seth B. Howe, Brewers, Putnam Co., N. Y., large roll old fine linen. Friend, 3 shirts, underwear, old muslin. Mrs. Eaton, 4 shirts, 3 nightgowns, baby's blanket. Friend, old muslin. Miss Susan Bradley, 2 toilet sets, including pin cushions. Mrs. Howe, old linen and muslin. Friend, old muslin. Miss Martin, flannel wrapper and underwear. Wm. Wells, old linen and muslin. Mrs. Francis Wayland, 3 shirts, gray moth dressing gown. Friend, old muslin. Ladies' Aid Society, Church of the Redeemer, 7 toilet sets, magazines. Mrs. Dr. Brown, large roll old linen and muslin, 3 shirts, 3 undergarments. Miss Sperry, copies of Christian Union, 1 skirt. Miss Abbie C. Case, large roll old linen and muslin, and flannel, table cloth, 80 old napkins, 15 undergarments.

For Thanksgiving.

Miss Thorne and friends, elegant baskets of fruit and flowers for women's and children's wards. H. W. Farnum, \$10.00. H. T. Hales, \$5.00. E. Marble, 1 turkey. Miss Lillie F. Parker, 1 turkey. Mrs. Wm. Park, 1 turkey. Mrs. Frances P. Gilbert, 1 turkey. Mrs. Everett, 2 turkeys. Mrs. Bolling, 1 fowl. Wm. O. Armstrong, 1 turkey. Robert Morgan, 1 turkey. Peef and Mrs. Salisbury, 1 turkey.

For Christmas.

Henry Farnum, \$20.00. Dr. P. E. Beckwith, \$5.00. Mrs. T. H. Bishop, 1 turkey. Children of Dr. Geo. B. Farnum, 1 black walnut book case and 25 volumes for commencement of a children's library. Miss Susan Osborne, cards for patients. Miss Pardee, large portfolio of pictures. Margaret Foster, toys and illustrated books. Friend, 100 small bouquets, with illustrated cards in envelopes addressed to each patient, and placed on their pillows during the night. Mr. Fellowes, Christmas letter for each patient. Miss Martha Fellowes, 5 illustrated books for children. Miss Thorne and friends, a Christmas tree and entertainment in the evening, with gifts for all the patients, and instrumental and vocal music.

DONATIONS ON HOSPITAL SUNDAY, 1882.

JANUARY 8th.

From the Ev. Lutheran Trinity Church,	\$ 4.71
" Church of the United Society, (North Church),	171.85
" St. John's Episcopal Church,	38.33
" First Church, (Center),	1,476.82
" Christ Church, Guilford,	71.82
From Willis Benson,	10.00
From the Dwight Place Church,	84.00
" Trinity Church,	556.37
" First Congregational Church, Fair Haven,	23.00
" Church of the Redeemer,	169.00
" Grace Church, (Episcopal),	10.00
" Davenport Church,	82.33
" Howard Avenue (Congregational) Church,	17.56
" St. Thomas Church,	71.00
" Congregation Mishkwa Israel,	30.00
" Church of the Sacred Heart, (R. C.),	75.00
" Wesley Chapel,	8.32
" Third Congregational Church,	75.00
" Westville Congregational Church,	30.75
" Church of the Ascension,	20.00
From R. S. Fellows,	50.00
" Trinity Chapel,	8.58
" St. John's Church, (R. C.),	22.77
" Christ Church,	15.00
" Calvary Baptist Church,	100.00
" Mrs. T. D. Wheeler,	50.00
" Congregational Church, Seymour,	21.06
" First Congregational Church, Milford,	7.18
" Congregational Church, North Haven,	12.60
" George Street M. E. Church,	50.00
" First Methodist Church,	59.58
" St. Paul's Church,	38.00
" Second Congregational Church, Fair Haven,	1.18
" First Baptist Church,	50.00
" Northford Congregational Church,	4.00

\$2,486.63

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT IN ACCORD WITH
LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Jan. 24, 1892.	Balance old account, (gen'l acct.).....	\$4,316.90	
"	"	(Back Fund).....	211.50
			<hr/> \$4,528.40
	Collections Hospital Sunday, 1892, (see items.)..		3,496.61

DONATIONS AND LEGACIES.

From Eugene S. Bristol.....	\$70.00	
" Mrs. Emily W. Finch.....	50.00	
" Thomas Hooker.....	25.00	
" Joshua Colt Estate, (Legacy).....	250.00	
" Henry Brinson.....	2,300.00	
" H. S. Fallowell, for electrical apparatus.....	251.00	
" First Cong'l Church, Waterbury, Sunday School.....	25.00	
" Robert Ogden Duffin.....	25.00	
		<hr/> 2,176.00
Interest on Town of New Haven, \$5,000 Note, to March 15th.....	125.00	
Interest on Town of New Haven, \$15,000 Note, to May 1st.....	375.00	
Interest on \$700, Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern R. R. Bonds, to June 1st.....	17.50	
Interest on M. C. and H. W. E. Monson Note, \$5,000, to Dec. 7, 1892.....	150.00	
Interest on \$4,000, City of New Haven Bonds, to July 1st.....	100.00	
Interest on \$4,000, Del. and Hudson Canal Co. Bonds, to July 1st.....	140.00	
Interest on Town of New Haven, \$5,000 Note, to Sept. 15th.....	125.00	
Interest on Town of New Haven, \$15,000 Note, to Nov. 1st.....	375.00	
Interest on \$1,400, Burlington, C. R. and Northern R. R. Bonds, to Dec. 1st.....	35.00	
Interest on M. C. and H. W. E. Monson Note, \$5,000, to June 7th, 1893.....	150.00	
Interest on \$4,000, City of New Haven Bonds, to Jan. 1st, 1893.....	100.00	
Interest on \$4,000, Del. and Hudson Canal Co. Bonds, to Jan. 1st, 1893.....	140.00	
Interest on 46 Shares Merchants' Nat'l Bank Stock, to Jan. 1st, 1893.....	75.00	
		<hr/> 1,992.50
Arms from J. H. Starkweather, Sept., in 1892.	25,565.45	
		<hr/> \$35,529.07

PAYMENTS

	Am't. of Prudential Committee orders paid.....	\$38,782.72
	" paid for \$500 Bonds Burlington, C. R. and Northern R. R. Co.....	700.00
	Am't. paid for 40 Shares Merchants' National Bank, N. H. Stock.....	1,400.00
Jan. 10, 1881	Balance to new acc't. (per'l acc't.).....	\$ 7,254.75
	" " " (Bank Fund).....	191.50
		<hr/> 1,416.54
	Respectfully submitted,	\$35,379.00

LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, Treasurer.

New HAVEN, Conn., January 17th, 1881.

This may certify that we have this day examined the foregoing statement of Mr. L. S. Hotchkiss, Treasurer of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, for the year ending with December 31st, 1880, compared the vouchers therewith, and find the same correct, showing a balance of cash in hand, amounting to seven hundred sixteen and 54-100 dollars; and we further find the following securities with the Treasurer:

- \$4,000, Bonds of the City of New Haven.
- 5,000, Note and Mortgage of M. C. and H. W. E. Monson.
- \$5,000, Note of the Town of New Haven.
- 5,000, Note of the Town of New Haven.
- 4,000, Registered Bonds of the D. and H. Canal Co.
- 1,400, Bonds of the Burlington, C. R. and N. H. R. Co.
- Forty Shares of the Merchants' Bank of New Haven.

THOMAS L. RAYMOND,

JAMES S. PARSONS,

Auditors of Public Accounts

We have examined the within and foregoing account, and compared the same with the account as entered upon the books of the Treasurer, and have compared the payments therein made with the vouchers thereto, and find the same correct. We also find that the Treasurer has in his possession the following securities and property belonging to said Society, viz:

- 4 Bonds, \$1,000 each, of the City of New Haven.
- 4 Registered Bonds, \$1,000 each, Del. and Hudson Canal Co.
- 2 Bonds, \$500 each, Burlington, Cedar Rapids and N. H. R. Co.
- 4 " \$100 " " " " " " " " " " " "
- 40 Shares Merchants' National Bank, of New Haven, Stock.
- Note of Town of New Haven, \$15,000.
- Note of Town of New Haven, \$5,000.
- Note, secured by Mortgage, of Mary C. and H. W. E. Monson for \$5,000.

DANIEL TROWBRIDGE,

HENRY D. WHITE,

Auditors

NEW HAVEN, Conn., January 24th, 1881

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with the By-Laws and Regulations of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, the Board of Visitors herewith submits its annual report of the matters committed to its supervision. The visits of the members of the Board have been regularly made as required by the By-Laws, and diligent and systematic inquiry has been made "into the economical administration of the Hospital, and such other matters as are connected with the care and comfort of the patients." The Board is gratified in being able to report that, with the exception of an occasional complaint as to the cooking, its investigation of the management of the Hospital has been entirely satisfactory. The attention of the Superintendent of the Hospital has been called to the complaints referred to, and the causes of complaint have been promptly rectified and removed. The patients in the Hospital cheerfully and uniformly bear testimony to the skill and kindness of their physicians and nurses, and your Board is satisfied that nothing is left undone which might promote the welfare and comfort of the unfortunate sufferers who are brought to the Hospital for medical and surgical treatment.

All of which is respectfully submitted:

B. F. MANSFIELD,
THOMAS S. SAMSON,
THOS. E. BACON,
MAX ADLER,
E. W. BABCOCK.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Applications for the admission of patients should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, and should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital, New Haven, Conn. In accordance with the regulations of the Hospital, the superintendent, as the representative of the prudential committee, arranges the terms of admission according to the circumstances of the case and the accommodation required.

2. The Nursing is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. The ordinary charge per week for accommodation in the Wards is \$6.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing.

4. Private rooms are furnished at \$12.00 or more per week according to the requirements of the case.

5. Persons partly supported by the town in which they reside and partly by the State appropriation, are admitted on an order from the town authorities. Town patients are received at \$4.00 per week, the remainder is paid out of the State Appropriation.

6. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war and now residence are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability, under the Act of the General Assembly of 1878.

7. Sailors whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund are admitted on the order of the collector of the port of New Haven.

8. Persons carried directly to the hospital from the place of an accident are admitted immediately.

9. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

10. *Infectious persons and those suffering from contagious diseases are not admitted.*

NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

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In consideration of the admission of _____ of _____ into the Institution of the "General Hospital Society of Connecticut," at New Haven, I engage to provide, or pay for, a sufficiency of clothing for _____ use, and pay to the Treasurer of said Institution _____ dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance; and to cause said patient to be removed when discharged, without expense to said Institution, and, in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

Principal.

For value received, I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulations.

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APPENDIX.

THE CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Training School for Nurses has been established for nine years. At first the number of pupils was limited to six; within two years it was increased to eleven, then to fourteen, and these not being sufficient to meet the many demands for special and continuous attention which critical cases required, the prudential committee raised the number to seventeen in 1880, and to nineteen in 1882, making, with the head nurse and assistant, a nursing force of twenty-one. The pupils remain in the hospital for one year and pursue their studies and daily routine of work under the superintendence of the head nurse. Each nurse is assigned to one ward or department for several weeks, and in the course of a year has studied surgical, medical, and obstetrical nursing, and also the preparation of special dishes suitable for invalids and convalescents. Symptom records are kept which enable the physician to ascertain the varied phases of the disease since he last saw the patient.

At the close of the year of study the nurse has a vacation of one month, and then returns to take for five months each cases of private practice as shall be assigned to her. Her home is in the Hospital, when her services are not called for elsewhere, and the school pays for all the nurses there in excess of the number allowed.

The Hospital authorities appreciate most highly the advantages of having this school established here. Those who enter it either have a special gift for nursing or, with a true spirit of self-sacrifice, have devoted themselves to the noble work of ministering to others; consequently the duties of that department are performed more faithfully and more skillfully than in former years, when it was thought that strength was the only requisite in a nurse.

Those wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the Secretary of the Society, when, if approved by the Executive Committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the Hospital. The candidates must be over twenty-two and under forty years of age, and must present a certificate from a clergyman and

physician as to their good moral character and sound health. They will be received for one month on probation and without compensation.

Information concerning the School will be furnished by the President, Vice-President, or other members of the Executive Committee.

Pupils are received from any State.

Applications for admission should be made as early as possible to the Secretary, Miss Emily Betts, 3 Hillhouse Ave., New Haven.

Physicians or others in any part of the State desiring to secure the services of trained nurses for men or women, medical or surgical patients, should apply by telegraph or letter, stating the nature of the case, to the Superintendent of Nursing, New Haven Hospital.

The price per week for the services of a trained nurse is \$12.00, unless two members of the family are ill at the same time, when there will be a slight additional charge. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the public that it is more economical, and safer for the patient, to employ a reliable nurse, than to indulge in a natural but misplaced sentiment, which sacrifices the strength of an entire family to the care of one invalid member.

Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

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Mrs. NOAH PORTER.

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" D. C. SANFORD, New Bedford, " KIRWIN HARMWOOD, New Haven.
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Miss GERTRUDE BARRETT.

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NURSES HOME.

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Matron.

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FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY

OF

CONNECTICUT,

FOR THE YEAR 1883.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 31st, 1884.

NEW HAVEN:

TUTTLE, MOOREHOUSE & TAYLOR, PRINTERS.
1884.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

Item. I give and bequeath to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, in the City of New Haven, the sum of — dollars, to be paid by my executors, out of my real or personal estate, as soon as the settlement of my affairs will permit, to the treasurer of said institution for the time being, in trust, to be applied by the directors thereof to the humane purposes of said institution.

OFFICERS

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

1884.

JAMES E. ENGLISH, *President*. T. H. BISHOP, *Secretary*.
MORRIS F. TYLER, *Vice-Pres.* LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, *Treas.*

STATE COMMISSIONERS.

His Excellency, THOMAS M. WALLER, GOVERNOR, *ex-officio*.
(Vacant.)

DIRECTORS WHOSE TERMS OF OFFICE EXPIRE, RESPECTIVELY, IN

1885.	1886.	1887.
J. E. ENGLISH.	T. H. BISHOP.	FRANCIS HADON.
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FREE BED FUND.

1874—Henry Parman,	\$5,000
1874—Wm. Fitch,	5,000
1874—James E. English,	5,000
1878—Ellen M. Gifford,	5,000
1881-82—Henry Bronson,	10,000
1883—The Thanksgiving Free Bed,	5,000
1883—The Ross A. Porter Free Bed,	5,000

PERMANENT FUND.

1877—Ernest Larned,	\$5,000
1878—Nelson A. Hotchkiss,	5,000

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors has the honor to present herewith to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut its fifty-seventh annual report as prepared by the Prudential Committee.

The most noticeable feature of our work during the past year is, as has been the case for a number of years, the continued increase in the number of patients. The average for the past twelve months has been 112. The average for 1882 was 106; the average in 1879 was only 87½. Thus the work of the Hospital, estimated solely by the number of patients, has increased about 50 per cent. in four years. Measured by the medical work it has increased in a still greater proportion, as many patients who four years ago would have remained in the Hospital, though requiring but little care, are now removed to Fitch's Home, Noroton. There have been 83 deaths and 22 births; the greatest number of patients on any one day has been 128, and the smallest on any one day 93. The total number of patients under treatment during the year has been 812, or 104 more than have been treated in any previous year.

The finances of the Hospital are in an unusually good condition. The receipts for the year (deducting \$1,250.00 of the State appropriation which should have been paid in 1882, and does not, therefore, properly form part of last year's business) have been \$38,746.10; the total expenditures have been \$38,486.53; making a deficit on the year's business of \$2,744.48. Of this sum \$2,474.23 was paid for extraordinary expenses, namely:

For altering and furnishing Ward 2 West.....	\$1,098.50
For re-laying the sidewalk on Congress Avenue.....	28.17
For new tin roof on the wings of the old building.....	249.88
For painting the outside and one ward of the hospital building.....	75.00

If we had not had these unusual expenses our deficit would have been but \$2,270.16. Our deficit on our running expenses in 1882 was \$6,211.93. The average cost of keeping a patient for one week in 1881 was \$6.69, while the average cost, excluding the extraordinary expenses, was \$6.05. The average in 1882 was \$6.20.

The causes of this improvement cannot be discovered without careful study of the figures. If we look first at our receipts, we find that their increase is due in part to the raising of the rates charged for soldier patients. We found that we were losing annually on this class of patients a large sum of money, which was practically a gratuity to the State, since it is obliged by law to provide for the soldiers who served in Connecticut regiments during the war.

We accordingly applied to the State Hospital Board, of which the Governor is chairman, for an increase of the rates from \$4.50 to \$6.50 a week, and the board so far acknowledged the justice of our application as to raise the rates to \$5.50 a week. These rates went into effect May 1st, and since that time our loss on the soldiers has been only \$1.00 a week instead of over \$2.00, as formerly. This change alone has probably saved us \$700.00 or \$1000.00.

Nevertheless the average amount received per patient (including the State appropriation) has been less this year than in 1892, the figures being as follows:

1891	1892	1893
\$5.61	\$5.72	\$5.55

We must, therefore, look for a full explanation of our relatively small deficit on the other side of the account. If we analyze our expenditures we find that the outlay for various items was as follows:

CLASSIFIED EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA PER WEEK.

	1891	1892	1893
Food	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$2.85
Furniture, bedding and current repairs,	.29	.41	.27
Other items (payroll, medicine, gas, water, etc.)	2.89	2.89	2.91
Extraordinary improvements	.40		
	\$6.50	\$6.50	\$6.37

Thus our small deficit is due in part to the raising of the rates for soldier patients, in part to a falling off of the expenditure per capita, and this latter improvement we attribute partly to a fall in the price of provisions and partly to the strict economy of our housekeeper, Mrs. Wise.

If we analyze the amount expended on and received from the different classes of patients we find that it is as follows:

	Cash.	Receipts.	Gifts.	Loss.
Marine patients	\$1,949.35	\$2,696.90	\$149.65	
Self-paying patients	6,492.45	7,102.83	618.98	
Soldier patients	10,335.91	8,125.05		\$2,210.86
Town patients	17,655.35	19,497.11		8,848.22
Charity patients	1,178.45			1,178.45
Free bed patients	924.95			924.95
	\$37,536.46	\$27,335.61	\$368.63	\$10,862.48
				769.62
Net loss at regular rates				\$10,092.85

These figures show that, at regular rates, we should have lost on soldier and town patients together \$8,859.05. The legislative appropriation of \$5,000.00 only made up a part of this loss; the rest was practically a present to the State and towns, the means for making which were furnished partly by our income of less than \$2,000.00 from invested funds and partly by the contributions of Hospital Sunday, which amounted last year to \$7,512.14.

The small endowment of the Hospital has long been a serious hindrance to the extension of its charitable work. It is, therefore, with great pleasure that we announce a very material increase in our funds during the past year. Since the last annual meeting Dr. Henry Bronson has added \$2,500.00 to the \$1,500.00 he had already contributed, Mrs. John A. Porter has given \$1,000.00 to found a free bed in memory of the late Mrs. Rose A. Porter, and a gentleman and his wife, who especially requested that their name should not be published, but whose identity is almost betrayed by the rare tact and kind consideration by which they have made their benefaction a help to two charities at once, have given \$5,000.00 to found the Thanksgiving free bed, and made over their right of nominating patients to this bed to the United Workers.

We wish to express our grateful acknowledgments to these benefactors who have added in one year \$8,500.00 to our permanent fund and given us fresh encouragement in the task of building up the Hospital, and making it equal to the increased demands that are yearly put upon it.

The ward in the west wingward, of which mention was made in our last annual report, has been fitted up during the past year, and occupied since March first. It has proved to be, on the whole,

a pleasant ward, though not sufficiently high or sufficiently airy for very sick patients. The ventilation has, however, been improved by running up ventilating shafts through the ceiling.

The increase in the number of patients has made it necessary to increase both the nursing force and the house staff. The number of nurses, including the head nurse and her assistant, has been raised to twenty-five, and an assistant has been added to the house staff, his services beginning on the fifth of May last. The arrangement now is that each member of the staff serves four months as assistant, four months as house physician, and four months as house surgeon, and the vacancies, which therefore occur three times a year, are filled on the first of April, on the first of August and on the first of December.

It has been necessary during the past year to make a number of repairs and improvements besides the fitting up of the west ward. During the fall we put a tin roof on the wings of the main building, replacing the shingling, which was very old and very leaky; the whole of the building is now, therefore, covered with tin. We have also repaired the stucco on the old building and painted the entire outside thoroughly, besides painting the cresting, gutters, roof, windows and verandas of the new building, the interior of ward 2 west, and the outside of the laundry.

We are glad to say that the board of lady visitors was organized after our last annual meeting on a new basis. This board had previously performed its services in rather an informal manner, some of the ladies visiting the Hospital frequently, others not at all, and the board, as a whole, making no report or recommendations. During the past year the board has met and systematized its work and has also made valuable suggestions to the prudential committee. The most noteworthy of these was the proposition that hot boxes should be provided, in order to carry the food warm to the wards, and to keep it warm while it is being served. The prudential committee adopted the plan of the board of lady visitors, with excellent results, and the patients now receive their food in a more palatable condition than they have ever done before.

During the summer a new and, it is believed, improved edition of the Charter, Constitution and By-laws has been printed, and copies of it are in the custody of the superintendent for the use of the members of the society.

The suggestion made in the report of the medical board with regard to the necessity of more room is one the pertinence of which is felt by no one more keenly than by the directors. At the first quarterly meeting in 1892 a committee was appointed to consider the general advisability of building an addition, and on its report, which was submitted to a special meeting of the directors, two committees—one on building, the other on finance—were appointed to carry out its suggestions. We regret to say that the efforts of these committees have as yet met with but little success. Subscriptions to the amount of five thousand dollars have been obtained, but little else has been done. The times are certainly not very favorable for enterprises which depend on voluntary gifts, but we hope the project will not be allowed to drop on that account, and that the board of directors will, during the coming year, renew its efforts and at least secure the nucleus of a building fund, even if it is not able to erect a building at once.

In conclusion we have the pleasant task of expressing our appreciation of the faithful services of the superintendent, of the nurses, and of the various officers of the Hospital. We are also indebted to the two boards of visitors for their careful attention to the needs of the patients and of the institution; to the clergymen who have conducted services in the chapel, and to the many friends who have contributed delicacies, clothing, etc., especially to those who supplied the patients with a Thanksgiving dinner and gave them a treat of a Christmas tree.

For the Board of Directors,

HENRY W. FARNAM,
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Prudential Committee.

NEW HAVEN, JAN. 11th, 1894.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

To the Board of Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN—The Medical Board appreciate, as doubtless do the Board of Directors, the pressing need of increased room in the Hospital, which need is particularly felt during the winter months.

In May last we increased the number of the House staff by appointing an assistant House surgeon—an appointment much needed and one which renders the House service much more efficient.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

SAMUEL D. GILBERT,

Secretary Medical Board.

New Haven, January 9, 1884.

MEDICAL STATISTICS.

SURGICAL CASES TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL IN 1881.

Abscesses:		Cataract, traumatic	2
abscess of	1	" secondary	1
arm	2	Chancres, syphilitic	3
axilla	1	Chancres and bubo	3
about	1	" and chancreoid	1
gluteal	1	" and perineal abscess	1
iliac	2	Chancreoid and bubo	2
infan-rectal	2	Concussions of limbs	2
limb	2	" of spine	1
mammary	2	Contracted wounds of limbs	1
pharyngeal	1	" around of knee	1
orbital	1	" wound of hand	2
palmar	2	Contracture of limb	2
thigh	2	" of face	1
penis	1	Conjunctivitis	2
neck	2	Gumous degeneration of knee joint	1
hand	1	Crushed foot	2
penis	1	Dislocated thumb	1
wrist	1	" elbow	1
Adherent lip	1	Extrophy	1
Amputation of arm	2	Scrofula	7
Anal fistula	10	Enlarged prostate	1
" internal	1	Elephantiasis	1
Luxation of hip	1	Eponitis	1
Arthritis	5	Epithelioma	1
Bell's palsy and paralysis	1	Erysipelas of leg	1
Burns	2	Fractures:	
" by steam	1	" Culter	2
Carcinoma	1	" clavicle	1
" of breast	1	" cervical proc. scapula	2
" of face	2	" femur	2
" of lip	1	" leg	7
" of penis	1	" limbs	2
" of rectum	2	" compound	1
Caries of alveoli	1	" simple	7
" of tibia	2	" leg, both	1
" of tibia	1	" compound both	1
Cataract	2		

OPERATIONS IN 1887.

Amputation, breast.....	8	Incision into abscess of knee-joint.....	1
" both breasts.....	1	Osteotomy for aneurism.....	1
" arm.....	2	" neck of femur.....	2
" arm and thigh.....	1	" great toe.....	1
" forearm.....	1	Excision, anus by wire anastomosis.....	1
" leg.....	3	Excision of penis.....	1
" Syme's of ankle.....	2	Radical cure for hydrocele.....	1
" toe.....	1	Excision of thigh.....	1
" thigh.....	9	Excision, lower end of radius and fracture.....	1
Cataract.....	2	" was cured by operation.....	1
Chancres, treated by caustic nitrate.....	2	Rhinotomy.....	1
Distortion of nostrils.....	1	Septostomy of nose.....	1
" alar cartilage.....	1	" left nostril.....	1
Deviation of testis.....	2	" right nostril.....	1
" anal fistula.....	4	" scrotum.....	2
" old sinus about knee.....	1	" humerus and tibia.....	1
" sinus in gluteal region.....	1	" rib.....	1
" sinus.....	1	" tibia.....	2
Excision of elbow-joint.....	1	Staphylococci.....	1
" hip-joint.....	1	Tumors removed:	
Exploratory incision gunshot wound.....	1	" cancer of face.....	2
Embolism, eye.....	1	" lip.....	2
Ligation hemorrhoids.....	2	" cysts of mamma.....	1
Lithotomy.....	1	" carcinoma of parotid.....	1
Lithotomy.....	1	" anal warts.....	1
Novelty.....	1	Typhoid.....	1
Osteotomy.....	2	Total.....	39
Incision into perineal cavity.....	1		

Prepared by

CHARLES A. DODD, M.D., House Surgeon.

MEDICAL CASES TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING 1887.

Abdomen.....	4	Carcinoma of stomach.....	1
Acid.....	1	Chancres, urethra.....	1
Alcoholism.....	17	" infantile.....	1
Anemia.....	2	Chorea.....	3
Aneurism of aorta.....	1	Cirrhosis hepatis.....	4
Aphasia.....	1	Congestion of brain.....	1
Apoplexy.....	6	Consumption.....	3
Ataria incanescens.....	4	Cystitis.....	2
Bronchitis, acute.....	5	Debility.....	6
" chronic.....	3	Dilatation of stomach.....	4

Diarrhea, chronic.....	5	Neuralgia.....	2
Dyspepsia.....	18	" intercostal.....	1
Eczema.....	1	Neurasthenia.....	11
Erythema, pulmonary.....	1	Obesipation.....	2
Erysipelas.....	2	Opana lobd.....	1
Erysipeloid, chronic.....	11	Painfulgia.....	1
Epilepsy.....	2	Painfulgia, general.....	2
Erysipelas.....	1	" inter-c.....	1
Fever, malarial.....	10	Parasitosis.....	2
" remittent.....	2	Phthisis.....	20
" typhoid.....	18	Phthisis.....	4
Functional disorder of liver.....	2	Pneumonia.....	6
Gastritis.....	3	Poisoning, lead.....	5
" catarrhal.....	2	" mercurial.....	2
Gastritis, enteritis.....	1	" opium.....	2
Gonorrhea.....	2	" phosphorus.....	1
Hemiplegia.....	2	Pregnancy.....	72
Hemiplegia.....	10	Rheumatism, acute.....	2
Hidradenoma.....	1	" chronic.....	20
Hypochondria.....	2	Rheumatic synovitis.....	1
Hysteria.....	2	Sclerosis of aqueous lac. humor.....	2
Insanity.....	1	Scabies.....	1
Intoxication.....	2	Syphilis, tertiary.....	2
Malaria.....	20	Tetanus.....	1
Malacostom.....	1	Toxemia.....	2
Mitral lesion.....	1	Tuberculosis, sero-miliary.....	2
Myopia.....	2	Yeast.....	1
Narcolepsy.....	1	Unclassified.....	2
" epileptic.....	2		
Nystalgia.....	6	Total.....	445
Ophthalmia, chronic.....	10		

GYNCOLOGICAL CASES TREATED IN HOSPITAL DURING 1885

Abortion, labor.....	1	Lacerated perineum.....	2
" painless.....	1	Lacerated cervix.....	8
Amelioration.....	1	Neuralgia, ovarian.....	1
Carcinoma of cervix (uteri).....	2	" chronic.....	1
Cervicitis.....	1	Prurigo, vagina.....	1
Rhodomela, acute cervical.....	1	" chronic.....	2
" chronic cervical.....	1	Rubella.....	2
" with interposition.....	1	Stomatitis and lacerated perineum.....	2
" with membrane.....	1	Vaginitis.....	1
" with gran. masses.....	2		
Fibroid tumor of uterus.....	2	Total.....	42
Inversion of uterus.....	2		

NUMBER OF BIRTHS.

January.....	3	August.....	3
February.....	3	September.....	3
March.....	3	October.....	1
April.....	4	November.....	3
May.....	3	December.....	2
June.....	1		
July.....	3	Total.....	22

GYNKOLOGICAL OPERATIONS DURING 1882.

Perimetrotomy.....	4
— incomplete.....	4
and trachelorrhaphy.....	1
Trachelorrhaphy.....	2

Performed by

F. N. LEWIS, M.D., *Res. Physician.*

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Asphyxia.....	1	Dangrene of foot and atheroma of arteries.....	1
Abscess of liver.....	1	Gonorrhea.....	1
Amputation of arm and dilution treatment.....	1	Hæmorrhage from incised wound throat.....	1
Aortic aneurysm and hypertrophy.....	1	Meningitis.....	1
Carcinoma of breast.....	1	Nephritis.....	2
— mammary.....	1	Malacal fever.....	1
Cerebral hæmorrhage.....	2	Ovarian tumor.....	1
Congestion of brain.....	1	Opium poisoning.....	1
Chronic gastritis.....	1	Opium habit.....	1
Congestive edema.....	1	Peritonitis.....	1
Congestion of brain.....	1	Paralysis.....	2
Chronic endocarditis.....	2	Paralytic agitated and rheumatism.....	2
Chorea.....	1	Perforation of stomach.....	1
Cholera infanum.....	1	Phthisis.....	25
Cirrhosis of liver.....	1	Pneumonia.....	2
Crooked arm and leg.....	1	Partial atrophy of brain.....	1
Eczema.....	2	Pyæmia.....	7
Erysipelas.....	1	Traumatic tetanus.....	1
Erysipelas.....	1	Tuberculosis, acute, pulmonary.....	1
Fractured tibia and fibula, compound.....	1	Typhoid fever.....	34
Fracture at base of skull, compound.....	1	Ulcers and paraplegia.....	1
Fracture of femur, compound.....	1	Ulcer of leg.....	1
Facial erysipelas.....	1	Valvular.....	1
Gastro-enteritis.....	4		
General debility.....	1		
Gonorrhœa, point of fluid.....	1	Total.....	82

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Jan. 22, 1884.

To the Prædial Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

GENTLEMEN—I herewith respectfully submit the fifty-seventh annual report of receipts and disbursements, number of patients in Hospital, and other items of information.

The number of patients remaining in the Hospital December 31, 1882, was 96—70 males and 26 females; admitted during the year 1883, 716—511 males, 205 females; making a total of 812 under treatment—587 males, 225 females. Of this number 303 were discharged cured, 202 improved, 102 unimproved, 83 died, and 125 remained under treatment December 31, 1883. There were 22 births—14 males, 8 females.

The whole number of weeks occupied was 5,834½, of which 4,386½ were occupied by charity patients, or those not paying full rates. These came from 30 different towns and villages in this State, and 16 other States or countries. Of those admitted, 325 were residents of New Haven.

The greatest number of patients any one day was 119; the lowest, 93; the daily average, 112. The attendants and other inmates have averaged 61.6, making a total of 173.6.

The average cost of supporting each patient, based on the ordinary current expenses, was \$6.38 per week; adding the item of extraordinary expenses, it was \$6.50 per week.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, in account with GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

Dr.

1883. To amounts received:

From balance January 31, 1883.

U. S. Marine patients.

State soldier patients.

Town patients.

Self-paying.

State Appropriation.

Board.

Salaries.

Sanctuary.

\$28.47

9,099.00

8,725.05

10,497.13

7,729.49

5,000.00

568.11

354.12

93.25

\$44,411.62

State Appropriation, 4th quarter, 1883.

1,250.00

Orders on treasurer.

31,728.71

\$12,682.91

1893. By accounts paid:

For food, 4,845 pounds.	835.50
Meal and rice, 4,352 pounds.	170.24
Bread and crackers, 39,638 pounds.	1,350.77
Cake.	108.00
Butter, 6,566 pounds.	1,091.94
Cheese, 471 pounds.	68.54
Meat, 56,199 pounds.	5,594.99
Poultry, 4,259 pounds.	918.81
Fish and oysters, 8,506 pounds.	1,992.54
Vegetables and fruit.	1,074.49
Eggs, 2,954 dozen.	929.88
Groceries.	1,434.44
Milk, 39,169 quarts.	2,949.35
Ice, 161,425 pounds.	221.55
Liquors.	308.29
Alc and beer.	230.90
Medicines.	1,601.34
Instruments.	862.87
Surgical dressings.	312.39
Fuel.	2,148.32
Gas, 569,606 feet.	1,929.76
Water.	168.18
Furniture and crockery.	256.75
Clothes and bedding.	300.24
Repairs and improvements.	1,111.70
Postage, printing and stationery.	452.33
Burn and farm expenses.	579.08
Tools.	38.45
Salaries and wages.	7,542.82
Potash and soap.	231.67
Sundries.	471.52
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	429,118.28
Extraordinary expenses.	2,474.35
Refunded to patients.	677.00
Deposited with treasury.	30,218.09
Balance, January 22, 1894.	36.09
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Total current Hospital expenses.	469,290.31
Less board of superintendent's family and others.	569.11
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	468,481.12
Number of weeks of Hospital care, 5,834.	
Cost per week per patient.	46.06
Total cost of food.	17,961.88
Average daily number of inmates, 175 1/2.	
Cost of food per day per inmate.	27 1/2 c.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. STARKWEATHER.

Superintendent.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males	Females	Total
Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31, 1882	76	20	96
Admitted during 1882	511	200	716
Total	587	220	807
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured	214	85	299
Improved	152	82	234
Unimproved	65	35	100
Died	51	22	73
Total	482	184	666
Remaining under treatment, Dec. 31, 1882	89	22	111
Total	581	215	796

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS FROM JAN. 1, 1883, TO DEC. 31, 1883.

	Males	Females	Total
January	37	13	50
February	48	13	61
March	26	11	37
April	42	13	55
May	45	13	58
June	47	15	62
July	50	23	73
August	39	23	62
September	44	14	58
October	37	12	49
November	34	22	56
December	47	13	60
Total	511	205	716

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMIITED

Austria	1	Nova Scotia	1
Australia	1	Norway	1
Belgium	1	Poland	1
Bolivia	2	Philippine Islands	2
Canada	8	Portugal	1
Denmark	1	Russia	1
England	16	Sweden	1
Finland	1	Switzerland	1
France	5	Scotland	1
Germany	62	United States	112
Holland	2	Wales	1
Hungary	1	West Indies	1
Ireland	179	Unknown	1
Italy	18		
Japan	2		
			716

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males	Females	Total
Under 15 years	25	13	38
From 15 to 25 years	18	11	29
" 25 to 35	141	66	207
" 35 to 45	79	46	125
" 45 to 55	94	29	123
" 55 to 65	86	23	109
" 65 to 75	29	8	37
" 75 to 85	12	3	15
" 85 to 95	2	1	3
Total	531	200	731

TIME OCCUPIED BY THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF PATIENTS.

U. S. Marine Patients	235 6-7 weeks
State Soldiers	1508 1-7 "
Tenets	2622 6-7 "
Self-Paying	900 1-7 "
Free Bed	142 1-7 "
Charges	181 1-7 "
Total	4884 6-7 "

REPRESENTATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN CONNECTICUT IN THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1902.

Astoria	27	Burlington	2	Shannon	1
Bacon Falls	4	Litchfield	3	Southbury	1
Bethel	4	Manchester	1	South Norwalk	1
Berlin	6	Merrill	1	South Kent	1
Bethany	2	Morriston	25	Southington	11
Birmingham	15	Milford	3	Stafford	2
Branford	2	Middleton	7	Stamford	1
Bristol	2	St. Carol	1	Thomaston	2
Bridgewater	29	Naugatuck	16	Torrington	9
Bristolfield	1	Newtown	1	Tousley	2
Canton	1	New Britain	4	Union City	1
Clinton	3	New Hartford	5	Unionville	1
Centerbrook	11	New London	2	Wallingford	11
Cheshire	1	New Milford	2	Watertown	2
Cheshire	4	New Haven	341	West Haven	1
Colchester	2	New Preston	1	Wallingford	79
Columbia	4	Norfolk	3	Washington	2
Danbury	5	Norwalk	2	Westfield	4
East Haven	23	Northford	1	Wilburton	1
Glastonbury	1	Orange	1	Winnet	2
Groton	1	Plainville	1	Woodland	2
Greenfield	2	Pine Meadow	1	Woodbury	1
Guilford	1	Portland	4	Westbrook	1
Hartford	9	Rockville	5	Westport	1
Hartford	4	Roxbury	1	Whitneyville	1
Hartford	2	Seymour	1	Valerius	1
Hartford	2	Shelton	2		

OCCUPATION.

Bar tenders	7	Florist	1	Porter	1
Baggage master R. R.	1	Farmers	29	Printer	1
Bakers	7	Farmer	1	Quarrymen	3
Bailiffs	3	Hairdressers	1	Reporter	1
Blacksmiths	11	Grocers	7	Railroad workers	23
Blacksmiths	3	Gum maker	1	Sailmakers	3
Boat workers	4	Hack drivers	7	Sales keepers	2
Boat makers	2	Hatters	4	Sawyer	1
Brick makers	3	Harness makers	4	Seamstresses	5
Bumblers	2	Horse R. R. conductors	2	Servants	24
Bumblers	2	Hosiery	4	Seamstresses	58
Bumblers	2	Joiner	1	Shut inners	1
Britannia workers	2	Lamp maker	1	Shoe makers	9
Book-keeper	1	Landscape	4	Silver-platers	3
Book-maker	1	Launderers	19	Silver-smith	1
Bolt makers	2	Laundresses	1	Slater	1
Carpenters	7	Liquor dealers	2	Soldier	1
Carrage makers	3	Liveryman	1	Spool makers	4
Carrage painters	2	Machinists	11	Spinner	1
Carter	1	Masons	5	Stevenson	1
Cassiers	4	Mechanics	2	Stewards	2
Carrage trimmers	2	Machine stitcher	1	Steam-fitters	2
Cash makers	3	Mechanics	8	Superintendent R. R.	1
Clerks	3	Miner	1	Students	3
Clock makers	2	Miler	1	Suit cutters	2
Clergyman	1	Milkers	10	Tailors	2
Blacksmith makers	1	Messengers	1	Teacher	1
Clocks	8	Master teacher	1	Telegraphers	4
Clock stitcher	1	Mechanics	2	Theatrical	2
Clockmakers	2	Nurses	2	Turner	1
Copper smith	1	Optician	1	Trackman R. R.	1
Crocheting maker	1	Painters	14	Veterinary surgeon	1
Crochet maker	1	Plasterers	1	Wagoners	1
Cutlers	6	Plumbers	1	Washmen	1
Dentist	1	Polishers	1	Waxmakers	1
Deer maker	1	Printers	3	Waxers	1
Deer	1	Private collector	1	Warp twine	1
Engineers	4	Public	4	Wearers	2
Factory girls	3	Photographer	1	Winefitters	1
Frosters	7	Politicians	2		

DONATIONS

RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR 1883.

Friends have kindly furnished the Hospital with the New Haven Daily Palladium, the New Haven Daily Journal and Courier, the New Haven Daily Register, the New Haven Daily Union, and the New Haven Daily News. Friends have also sent and subscribed for the Independent and the Youth Companion, children of Dr. G. B. Farnam the St. Nicholas Magazine.

Books, Magazines and Papers.

Mrs. H. B. Garrison, Mrs. M. F. Tyler, Mrs. C. H. Waterhouse, Mrs. O. W. Swift, Mrs. T. R. Troubridge, Chas. W. Nott, Young Women's Christian Association, Mrs. H. T. Blake (5 times), Mrs. Ingersoll, Mrs. J. B. Carlington, Mr. Eaton, Miss H. Newman, Mrs. Colford, H. H. Chase, Mrs. Thomas G. Bennett, David B. Aling, Mrs. Sperry, Leonard S. Hutchins (3 times), Edgar S. Foster, Mrs. Sheffield, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Weld (29 vols.), Mrs. Stickwell, Mrs. Lizzie Stevens, Miss L. S. Chapman, Dr. Dabbs, Mrs. Hiram Stevens, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Maryetta Williams, Mrs. R. H. Myers, Mrs. F. E. Kintnerly, John C. Hollister, Mrs. E. H. English, Prof. Henry W. Farnam, Rev. Dr. Benson, Mrs. Prof. Packard, Dr. Cary Eaton, C. S. Thompson, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. R. A. Brown, George H. Sage, Mrs. Yale, Miss Manson, Eliza and T. L. Watrous, Mrs. Wm. H. Dinscomb.

Clothing, Old Linen and Old Cotton.

Mrs. Prof. Eaton, Mrs. John E. Earle, Mrs. H. Williams, Mrs. E. F. Mansfield, Mrs. Levi Gilbert, Miss L. A. F. Finney, Eugene DeForest, Mrs. A. W. DeForest, Dr. L. M. Gilbert, Mrs. Chicksey, Mrs. Dr. Chapman, "The One Society," Mrs. Dr. Thacher, Mrs. Eliza Chaffield, T. D. Wheeler, Mrs. F. B. Dexter, Mrs. Southwell, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. George DeForest, Mrs. B. Crane, Mrs. J. E. Bellows, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Maria Mrs. Eliza, Mrs. H. T. Blake, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. L. H. Van Bred, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Amelia Telle, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Quaint, Mrs. Chas. English, Dr. W. G. Aling, Mr. E. L. Adams, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. M. R. A. Buckingham, J. C. Beach, Mrs. H. G. Little, Mrs. Henry L. Hutchins, Mrs. Staples, Dr. L. T. Day, Ladies Benevolent Society of East Haven, Mrs. Bondie, Mrs. M. F. Sperry, M. Healy, Mrs. Prof. H. A. Newton, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Andrews, Augusta M. Stiles, Mrs. Eliza A. Northing, D. W. Thompson, A. B. Bristol, Mrs. Mills, Chas. Elliot, P. Zerkent, Mrs. Pisan (North Torrington Conn.), Mrs. Stoddard, Mrs. Hawkins, New Haven Steamboat Company, H. Farnham, Mrs. Mansfield, R. D. W. Babcock, Mrs. Farnham, Mrs. Frederick Test, Mrs. B. Healy, Mrs. Joseph Bond, Mrs. Hiram Stevens, Dr. A. B. Coffin, Mrs. T. Ketchum, Mrs. Pierpont, Mrs. Carlington, Mrs. McCall, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Edmonson, M. F. Tyler, Mrs. A. McAllister, Louis Hemingway, Mrs. O. H. White, Mrs.

Snow, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Dr. Bacon, Mrs. John E. Karls, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Harrison, Stephen Tracy, Mr. S. W. Johnson, Mrs. Kate Spencer, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. W. D. Whitney, Chas. English, Mrs. E. W. Beatty, Miss Newcomb, Miss Hagnerson, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Cannon, Mr. Trowbridge, Mrs. Kosterovich, Mrs. E. E. Kimberly, Mrs. John C. Hallister, Mrs. Samuel Allen, Mrs. Ginner, Mrs. Hankins, Mrs. Pylos, Mrs. Parish, Miss North, Mrs. H. F. Hoadley, Mrs. D. W. Edna, Mrs. E. L. Austin, Mrs. John Ives, Mrs. J. A. Marvin, Mrs. Sheffield, J. L. Swift, Miss J. E. Root, Miss Rogers, Mrs. Jas. B. Johnson, Mrs. E. E. Axtell, Mrs. Dr. L. H. Wood, Mrs. Hiram Camp, Mrs. Laura Smith, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Prof. Parkard, Mrs. E. L. Fairchild, Mrs. Hawkins, S. F. Hall, Mrs. John Warm, Mrs. Eli Whitney, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Duggett, Miss Cowles, Mrs. Thomas, Miss L. Holbrook, Mrs. H. A. Doorn, Mrs. Porter, Miss Katie Morrison, Mrs. Hoppin of Lockport, Conn., Ladies of the 2d Chalmersist Society, Mrs. Hale (an old lady near 80 years of age), nearly 100 position bags, Mrs. Howe, forty-two packages from unknown friends.

Fruits and Flowers.

Mrs. Seth B. Hunt, Mr. E. Jenkins, Center Church, Washington School Room No. 9, Church of the Ascension, Mrs. Wayland, Mrs. Everett, English Oak Flower Mission, Mrs. Jane K. Winchester, Mrs. Doble, Mrs. McLaughlin, John C. Collins, Mrs. Elliott, Flower Mission, J. E. Barnes, 11 gifts from unknown friends.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Children of Dr. George B. Farnam, child's invalid rolling and reclining chair; A. S. Chant Dwight Street Church, dolls, books and grapes; Friends, friends; Miss Whitney, Christmas letters; Miss Susan Osborne, Christmas cards; Bell, England and friends, box of grapes, cards, papers and cakes; Miss Ingersoll, eggs, fruit and candy; Miss E. Carrington, oranges; Mr. Henry Farnam, \$30; Dr. G. B. Farnam, \$25; Prof. H. W. Farnam, \$25; H. T. Hale, \$4; Turkeys from Mrs. Stearns, Edwin Marble, Lillie F. Parker, Wm. O. Armstrong, Mrs. Wm. Fitch, Mrs. T. P. Gibbons, Dr. T. H. Bishop, Mrs. E. Barrett.

Miscellaneous.

Miss Newton, 1 pin cushion; Mrs. John Ingersoll, eggs; Mahal Cooper, boys; Miss Marietta Wilbur, bible album; Mr. H. F. Smith, 12 glass lantern jelly; Mrs. A. H. White, cereal and respirator; Mrs. J. E. Rich, large doll; Mrs. E. A. Mitchell, lace mattress, pillow and rubber sheet; Chas. H. Thompson, invalid's stuffed reclining and rolling chair, and also a bed's ill; George D. Miller, 5 gas fixtures and globes; Evan Evans, bag bath tub; Mrs. Wm. H. Goodrich, invalid's folding table; Mrs. Stockwell, bookkeepers' board; Dr. W. H. Garbutt, \$15 towards an invalid rolling and reclining chair; Friends, toys and shabby board.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

RECEIVED BY L. S. HOYCHES, TREASURER, JAN. 14, 1881.

First Third Congregational Church.....	\$69.64
First Baptist Church (1881).....	15.00
Trinity Place Church.....	20.87
First Church (Oxford).....	1,624.36
Westville Congregational Church.....	21.50
Christ (Episcopal) Church.....	20.00
William Andrews, New York.....	20.00
Mrs. E. B. Deane.....	20.00
Mrs. Emily M. Pich.....	50.00
First Congregational Church, Fall Haven.....	21.20
Christ Church, West Haven.....	5.00
St. James' Church, Westville.....	8.80
Harvard Avenue Congregational Church.....	10.00
St. Thomas' Church.....	45.00
Church of the United Society (North).....	128.00
W. D. Whitney.....	25.00
Westville M. E. Church.....	5.00
Church of the Ascension.....	12.50
Grace Church.....	16.00
T. F. Hanson, Danford.....	5.00
Trinity Chapel.....	18.75
Church of the Sacred Heart.....	50.00
Trinity Church.....	448.50
Congregational Church, Seymour.....	16.00
Harvard Church.....	22.48
Christ Church, Guilford.....	22.72
First Congregational Church, Waterbury.....	26.28
North Haven Congregational Church.....	5.00
St. John's Church (R. C.).....	24.12
M. Remington, Watertown.....	100.00
Congregation, Bond St. Church.....	15.00
German Lutheran Trinity Church.....	5.50
Members of St. Paul's Church.....	46.00
Birmingham Congregational Church.....	5.50
Congregation, Michigan Street.....	158.75
St. John Street M. E. Church.....	4.00
Church of the Redeemer.....	100.00
Calvary Baptist Church.....	100.00
Friends in College St. Church.....	4.00
First Congregational Church, Meriden.....	25.00
First Baptist Church, New Haven.....	25.00
Third Congregational Church.....	25.00

\$3,512.14

TREASURER'S REPORT

The General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

In accordant with LEXIAID 8, Horenkiss, *Treasurer*.

REBIRTH

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JAN.	T.	Balances and account (general account).....	\$1,224.75	
		(Bank Fund).....	191.58	
				\$1,416.33
		Colloquies, Hospital Sunday, 1883.....		3,572.24
		Donations: Henry Housen	\$2,500.00	
		R. S. Follows.....	17.77	
		Friend.....	2,000.00	
		Mrs. Josephine E. S. Porter.....	1,000.00	
				8,512.21
		Sale \$1,600 bonds U. C. H. & N. E. R.	\$1,437.15	
		Sale \$4,000 bonds Del. & H. Canal Co.	1,155.80	
				5,593.16
		Interest Town of New Haven, \$3,000, note to March 31, 1883.....	\$125.00	
		Interest Town of New Haven, \$12,000, note to May 1, 1883.....	375.00	
		Interest M. C. & H. W. F. Mason, \$5,000, note to December 1, 1883.....	125.00	
		Interest \$4,000 City of New Haven bonds.....	100.00	
		Dividend 88 shares Merchants' National Bank stock,	171.56	
		Interest Town of New Haven, \$5,000, note to Sept. 15.....	125.00	
		Dividend 122 shares N. H. County National Bank ,	112.76	
		Interest Town of New Haven, \$10,000, note to Nov. 5,	275.00	
		Interest M. C. & H. W. F. Mason, \$5,000, note to June 1, 1884.....	125.00	
		Interest \$4,000 City of New Haven bonds.....	100.00	
		Dividend 58 shares Merchants' National Bank.....	111.26	
				1,359.58
		Amount received from J. H. Starkweather, Esq., ..		28,654.99
				\$49,594.81

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Præfential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :

GENTLEMEN:—In submitting our report for the past year we take pleasure in being able to state, both to you and the public, that the Hospital, in every particular and detail, is carried on in a very judicious and economical manner. It has often been surprising to the members of this board that an institution so extensive and with so large a number of patients to provide and care for can be so successfully operated on such limited resources as are at the disposition of the Hospital Society.

We have noticed that several improvements have been made in the buildings during the year, which greatly promoted the comfort of the inmates and improved the conveniences of the buildings.

We can assure the public that the patients are treated with the utmost care, attention, and skill by the physicians and nurses in charge, and no efforts are spared by the superintendent to promote the comfort of the unfortunate sufferers. The board is gratified in being able to report that every cause of complaint brought to the notice of the superintendent has been promptly removed. The committee would also report that, from the uniform testimony of patients, and from their own observation through the year, they believe that the nurses of the Training School are kind, faithful and most efficient in their care of the sick, and that their services are invaluable to this Hospital.

The board would call your attention to the fact that the paint shop, located in the cellar of the main building, increases the fire risk of the premises, there being more or less danger of spontaneous combustion among the chemicals stored therein, and, in order to promote the safety of the inmates from the dreaded element of fire, we would suggest that this shop, together with its contents, be removed to some outer building.

It has been observed by members of this board that there is occasionally a patient who becomes unruly and very annoying to the other occupants of the same ward, and these in charge are entirely powerless except to reprimand the unruly person, which in one instance was entirely ignored. We would therefore suggest that the society petition the local government of the city to

appoint one or two special constables, to be selected by the prudential committee, from among the ward-masters of the hospital, who shall have power to quell such disturbances or arrest unruly persons, under such rules and restrictions as may be adopted by the prudential committee.

Very respectfully submitted,

C. B. BOWERS, *Chairman*.

E. W. BABCOCK,

E. H. JENKINS,

P. MAHER,

MAX ADLER, *Secretary*.

January 28, 1884.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LADY VISITORS.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the instructions received from the directors of the General Hospital the lady visitors met at the Hospital on the 6th of February, 1883, and organized themselves into a working body for the year. Since that time they have visited the Hospital weekly and enquired into such matters as are connected with the care and comfort of the patients.

Finding that the food did not reach the patients in as hot a condition as was desirable, they suggested to the prudential committee the introduction of hot boxes, which suggestion the prudential committee was kind enough to adopt and carry into effect. The boxes are now in use in every ward and give great satisfaction.

The board commends heartily the general management of the Hospital, and takes this opportunity to express its appreciation of the services of the head nurse, Miss Gertrude Barrett, and of the nurses under her. Letters received from former patients make mention of the kindness of the nurses as something that could never be forgotten. The board feels also that thanks are due to the superintendent of the Hospital, Mr. Starkweather, for his ready attention to its suggestions, and willingness to carry them into effect, when it has seemed best to the prudential committee to do so.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

M. R. J. DeBOLS,

Secretary Board of Lady Visitors.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Applications for the admission of patients should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, and should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital, New Haven, Conn. In accordance with the regulations of the Hospital, the superintendent, as the representative of the prudential committee, arranges the terms of admission according to the circumstances of the case and the accommodation required.

2. The nursing is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. The ordinary charge per week for accommodation in the wards is \$6.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing.

4. Private rooms are furnished at \$12.00 or more per week according to the requirements of the case.

5. Persons partly supported by the towns in which they reside and partly by the State appropriation, are admitted on an order from the town authorities. Town patients are received at \$4.00 per week, the remainder is paid out of the State appropriation.

6. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war and now residents are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability, under the Act of the General Assembly of 1878.

7. Sailors whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund are admitted on the order of the collector of the port of New Haven.

8. Persons carried directly to the hospital from the place of an accident are admitted immediately.

9. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

10. Lame persons and those suffering from contagious diseases are not admitted.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

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In consideration of the admission of _____ of _____ into the Institution of the "General Hospital Society of Connecticut," at New Haven, I engage to provide, or pay for, a sufficiency of clothing for _____, and pay to the Treasurer of said Institution _____ dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance; and to cause said patient to be removed when discharged, without expense to said Institution, and, in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

Principal.

For value received, I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulations.

Surety.

APPENDIX.

CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Training School for Nurses has been established for ten years. At first the number of pupils was limited to six; within two years it was increased to eleven, then to fourteen, and these not being sufficient to meet the many demands for special and continuous attention which critical cases required, the pendential committee raised the number to seventeen in 1880, to nineteen in 1882, and to twenty-three in 1883, making, with the head nurse and assistant, a nursing force of twenty-five. The pupils remain in the hospital for one year and pursue their studies and daily routine of work under the superintendence of the head nurse. Each nurse is assigned to one ward or department for several weeks, and in the course of a year has studied surgical, medical, and obstetrical nursing, and also the preparation of special diets suitable for invalids and convalescents. Symptom records are kept which enable the physician to ascertain the varied phases of the disease since he last saw the patient.

At the close of the year of study the nurse has a vacation of one month, and then returns to take for five months such cases of private practice as shall be assigned to her. Her home is in the Hospital, when her services are not called for elsewhere, and the school pays for all the nurses there in excess of the number allowed.

The Hospital authorities appreciate most highly the advantages of having this school established here. Those who enter it either have a special gift for nursing or, with a true spirit of self-sacrifice, have devoted themselves to the noble work of ministering to others; consequently the duties of that department are performed more faithfully and more skillfully than in former years, when it was thought that strength was the only requisite in a nurse.

Those wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the secretary of the society, when, if approved by the executive committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the Hospital.

The candidates must be over twenty-two and under forty years of age, and must present a certificate from a clergyman and physician as to their good moral character and sound health. They will be received for one month on probation and without compensation.

Information concerning the school will be furnished by the president, vice-president, or other members of the executive committee.

Pupils are received from any State.

Applications for admission should be made as early as possible to the Secretary, Mrs. Daniel C. Eaton, 76 Sackam street, New Haven.

Physicians or others in any part of the State desiring to secure the services of trained nurses for men or women, medical or surgical patients, should apply by telegraph or letter, stating the nature of the case, to the Superintendent of Nursing, New Haven Hospital.

The price per week for the services of a trained nurse is \$12.00, unless two members of the family are ill at the same time, when there will be a slight additional charge. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the public that it is more economical, and safer for the patient, to employ a reliable nurse, than to indulge in a natural but misplaced sentiment, which sacrifices the strength of an entire family in the care of one invalid member.

Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

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FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY

OF

CONNECTICUT

FOR THE YEAR 1884.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 29th, 1885.

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FORM OF BEQUEST.

Now. I give and bequeath to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, in the City of New Haven, the sum of — dollars, to be paid by my executors, out of my real or personal estate, as soon as the settlement of my affairs will permit, to the treasurer of said institution for the time being, in trust, to be applied by the directors thereof to the humane purposes of said institution.

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A donation of \$5,000 entitles the donor, his heirs and assigns, to nominate patients to a free bed in perpetuity.

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1885—The Thanksgiving Free Bed.	5,000
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1877—Irma Larned.	\$5,000
1878—Nelson A. Hotchkiss.	5,000

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors has the honor to present herewith to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut its fifty-eighth annual report as prepared by the Prudential Committee :

The past year has been an active one for the hospital, both in the number of patients and in the severity of the cases treated. It has also been marked by a number of improvements both in the organization of the work and in the equipment.

The year began with 125 patients in the building ; during the twelve months that followed there were admitted 748, making a total of 873 under treatment throughout the whole year. The number remaining under treatment December 31st was 124, and the average for the whole year was 115.7.

This is an increase over the average for 1898 of about four patients—a somewhat slower growth than has been customary for the past five years, as the following table of averages shows :

1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900
414	514	59	606	112	115.7

We find, however, that, though the increase in the average has been only 2.6 per cent, during the past year, the increase in the number of admissions has been 4.4 per cent., which indicates a greater activity in the work of the hospital, and consequently a greater number of acute cases.

The increasing number of acute cases in the hospital is also shown by the average number of weeks occupied by each patient for the last five years. We find this to have been in

1895	1897	1898	1899	1900
8.2	7.5	7.8	7.2	6.8

The increase in our average would undoubtedly have been greater, if we had not constantly sent those soldier patients who did not require active treatment to the Fitch Home at Noroton. Since the opening of the Bridgeport Hospital, we have also sent a few to that institution.

The largest number of patients on any one day was 136, and the smallest 100. There have been during the year 22 births and 107 deaths. The number of births is exactly the same as in 1883, but the number of deaths is very much greater, there having been in that year only 83.

Our finances for the year have reflected very strikingly the changes which have been noticed in the movement of the population of the hospital. Our current receipts amounted to \$16,038.20; our current expenses, not counting the amount paid towards the improvements in ventilation but counting in the other expenditures for repairs and improvements, amounted to \$29,647.73; making a loss in the year's business of \$13,609.53. This is considerably less than the total deficit of last year, but it is greater than that deficit would have been without the unusually large outlay for special improvements and repairs. In 1883 the deficit on our running expenses alone was only \$2,270.16.

In order to explain this, we must compare the total expenses and receipts with the number of patients. We find, then, that in 1883 the average earnings per patient, leaving out of account extraordinary receipts but taking into account the State appropriation, was \$5.61, whereas in 1884 it was \$5.77. On the other hand, our average current expenses per patient per week amounted to \$6.08 in 1883, and to \$6.43 in 1884. Thus, while our average earnings increased, our average expenditures increased in still greater ratio.

The increase in our average earnings is due to the proportional increase in the number of self-paying patients. We find that the increase and decrease in the number of weeks occupied by the different classes of patients was as follows:

Marine patients.	- 412	State soldiers.	- 16
Town patients.	+ 335	Self-paying patients.	+ 252
Free-bed patients.	+ 764	Charity patients.	0

In other words, while our town patients have increased very slightly, and our State soldier patients have actually fallen off in numbers, our self-paying patients have increased about .25 per cent., and although the number of patients taken on free beds has increased in a still greater ratio, their aggregate numbers are so small as to make the loss of little account in the total receipts for the year. It is owing to the disproportionate increase in self-paying patients, therefore, that our current earnings have been greater than in 1883. This, it is true, is partly counterbalanced by the

fact that our average weekly receipts from the self-paying patients were only \$6.25 while they were \$7.12 in 1883, because a comparatively smaller number of patients occupied private rooms and a comparatively greater number were placed in the wards. But the loss due to this cause was more than made good by the increase in the total number of private patients.

To explain the increase in our expenses we must make a careful examination of the amount expended per patient per week for the various items. These figures for the last four years are as follows:

	1881	1882	1883	1884
Food	\$3.18	\$3.41	\$2.56	\$2.54
Furniture, bedding, and current repairs	77	40	29	45
All other items except extraordinary improvements	2.91	2.82	2.82	3.08
Total	\$6.87	\$6.63	\$5.68	\$5.61

Thus, as compared with last year, each category of our expense account shows an increase. The increase in our per capita expenditure for food is not due to an increase in the cost of living, as the average cost of feeding an inmate of the hospital was just the same in 1884 that it was in 1883; but it is due to the fact that the number of attendants and nurses has increased more rapidly than the number of patients, and that, therefore, the consumption of food is greater in proportion to the patients. The number of attendants has increased during the year 14 per cent., while the number of patients has increased only 3.6 per cent. The large expenditure for furniture, bedding, and repairs, is due mainly to the outlay made for extending the little pavilion, for repainting the medical board room, and for some work connected with the improvements in ventilation which ought, properly speaking, to be classed among extraordinary expenditures. The increase in the remaining items is due, in the main, to an increased expenditure for instruments, surgical dressings, and liquors. The increase in these items is due simply to the fact that we have had a larger proportion of severe cases than in previous years.

The presidential committee has prepared a table showing the cost per patient of the principal items of expenditure, which will be appended to this report and which will furnish the details upon which these statements are based.* We will only call attention to the fact that while the price of flour, bread, and crackers, better,

* This table was presented at the annual meeting, but is not printed with this report.

poultry, eggs, and milk, has fallen during the past year, the per capita consumption of some of the most expensive articles of diet, such as meat, poultry, eggs, and butter, has increased. This is because we had so many very sick patients requiring special diet. The per capita outlay for salaries and wages has diminished very perceptibly during the past five years, but has increased a little during the past year on account of the necessity of employing a clerk in the superintendent's office and additional ward masters, our former force having been quite inadequate and the superintendent having been greatly in need of some relief in the office work.

The following table indicates for each of the five past years the loss per patient per week on current earnings and expenses:

	1889	1887	1885	1883	1881
Earnings,	\$5.57	\$5.83	\$5.77	\$5.61	\$5.77
Expenses,	6.55	6.22	6.10	6.08	6.43
Difference,	\$0.98	\$0.57	\$0.20	\$0.37	\$0.66

If we look at the distribution of this loss among the different classes of patients, we find that, as usual, the bulk of it falls upon town and State patients. Both on marine patients and on the self-paying patients we make a profit, as the sums that they pay are greater than the average cost of maintaining them. The government pays for marines \$7 a week, and private patients, as has been stated, have paid on an average \$6.75 a week. The State soldier patients, who are paid for by the State at the rate of \$5.50 a week, cost us 93 cents a week more than they pay, which makes a total loss upon the number of soldier patients in the hospital during the past year of \$1,243.41. The town patients, who are paid for at the rate of only \$4 a week, cost us \$2.45 more than we receive. Part of this is made up by the annual appropriation of \$8,000, but even allowing for this sum our net loss on this class of patients was during the year 1884 \$1,675.21. There seems to be no logical reason for any loss at all on these classes of patients. The appropriation was originally intended not only to make up for low rates but to help the hospital, and the appropriation is, we believe, still thought by a large number of people to be a bonus, which we receive from the State and which justifies the name "State Hospital," formerly applied to this institution. In point of fact, our connection with the State caused us last year a loss altogether of \$2,918.02, and we cannot but feel that it is an injus-

tice to the self-paying patients, who are most of them poor, that they should be obliged to pay full rates, while the State and town receive a large discount. Two years ago the rates for soldier patients were raised through the efforts of the prudential committee from \$1.50 to \$3.50, and we think that it is only just that they should again be raised to such a point that the hospital will not suffer a loss from the patronage of the State. It should be remembered that when the low rates for soldier patients were originally made, most of those who were sent to the hospital were in need of very little medical treatment and simply used the place as a home; but all cases that are received now require active treatment and demand just as much care and attention as any others.

The deficit on our current business does not necessarily represent a deficit in the treasury, as we have two sources of income that are not accounted for in the superintendent's books, the contributions of Hospital Sunday and the income from our invested funds. Both of these will be given in detail in the report of the treasurer.

The hospital has been during the past year the recipient of a number of generous gifts. Miss Julia M. Olmsted left us in her will a legacy of \$1,000, and a gentleman not residing in New Haven, who especially desired that his name should not be mentioned, made us a present of \$1,000, while another gentleman has given anonymously \$500, to be used for the general purposes of the hospital. A check for \$500 was also received by the prudential committee from Mrs. J. S. Griffing to be used according to their discretion, and they decided to turn it over to the special improvement fund. Besides these we have obtained subscriptions to the special improvement fund amounting to \$3,950, of which \$2,080 have already been paid.

To all of these generous benefactors we desire to express our sincere thanks.

The permanent fund has been increased during the past year by the investment, under the direction of the finance committee, of \$4,508.00, the greater part of which was contributed in 1885.

At the annual meeting of 1884 the prudential committee were appointed a committee of conference to meet the managers of the Connecticut Training School for Nurses, and confer with them regarding the advisability of revising the agreement between the two institutions. The result of their negotiations was that the

training school agreed to add to its regular corps five ward head nurses, to be chosen from those pupils who have had at least one year's training in the school, and to be kept in the position of ward head nurses from four to six months. The number of nurses to be allowed the training school was arranged at the same time on a sliding scale. The number, instead of being fixed, is to be in the proportion of one to every five patients in the hospital, with six additional nurses to meet the various demands for private cases, for the diet kitchen, maternity cases, and the isolating cottages. This arrangement, though it increases somewhat the number of nurses to be boarded by the hospital, very greatly increases the efficiency of the nursing service according to the unanimous verdict of the attending physicians, as expressed by them in their annual report. While commending the new system, we cannot but express our appreciation of the skill and devotion, with which it is put into execution, and the whole work of nursing carried on by Miss Croemer, who was appointed lady superintendent of the training school during the year.

The ventilation of the hospital, which has for so many years been an unsolved problem, was again brought up at the annual meeting in January, 1884, and has, it is believed, at last been settled. At that time the directors appointed a ventilating committee, consisting of Dr. Francis Bacon, Dr. Moses C. White, and the prudential committee. This committee thought best not to incur any expense or to propose any plans before obtaining the views of the best expert that could be found. They accordingly consulted with Professor William P. Trowbridge of the Columbia School of Mines, who very cheerfully offered to make a complete plan for the ventilation, and to give his services in the matter gratuitously to the hospital. Under his direction a system was elaborated and, after having been accepted by the board of directors, was constructed and is now nearly ready to be put in operation.

This plan consists in drawing the air from the wards through ducts down to air chambers in the cellar and expelling it through the old ventilating shafts at the extremities of the building. The ducts are constructed according to a plan originally suggested by Dr. Moses C. White. They are made of sheet iron and are run along the ceilings of the first and second story wards like a cornice. The duct in each ward is connected by tin-lined branches, with openings in the ward immediately above, one of these open-

ings being placed at the head of each bed near the foot. The wards on the first story are ventilated through ducts running in the cellar and having openings in the floor directly under the beds. To ensure perfect circulation of air, the hot air registers have been raised to a height of about seven feet from the floors of the wards, and in the mansards rolls of steam pipes are to be placed under each of the windows in such a way as to ensure a constant supply of fresh heated air.

The result is that the hot air will, under the new system, be supplied about midway between the ceiling and the floor of the wards and, after having become vitiated, will be drawn off near the floor. It will then be led through the ducts to upright shafts at the ends of the building and from there down to air chambers in the cellar, from which it will be expelled through the ventilating shafts by Blackman fans. Two fans are necessary for this purpose, one situated in each of the ventilating shafts. The motive power for the fans is supplied by two four-horse-power Bigelow engines. The steam is furnished by a twenty-horse-power Bigelow boiler which has been placed in the laundry cellar. This boiler is made large enough to furnish power for both of the engines at present used and for an additional seven-horse-power engine, should one be placed in the laundry. In addition to this, it does all the heating formerly done by the laundry furnace.

This system is intended to furnish for each person 2,000 cubic feet of air an hour, thus giving a constant supply of fresh material for breathing. After the annual meeting the members of the hospital society will be invited to inspect the practical working of the machinery.

The whole of the work, with the exception of a few details which did not admit of being accurately calculated, and of the steam coils which are now being placed in the mansard, has been done by contract. The mason work has been performed by Chatfield & Graub, the carpenter's work by George Rockwell, and the iron work by T. W. Corbett. The boiler and engines have been furnished by H. B. Bigelow & Co. We take pleasure in stating that the Bigelow Company, in making their estimate, not only put their price much below the catalogue rates, but offered in addition a donation of \$30 to the hospital. The contract price of the whole, including the fans, amounts to \$3,515.00.

Though the expense of this ventilating system has been considerable, we feel that it is fully justified, and that it has been

executed with thoroughness and at reasonable rates by the contractors. The hospital has of late been so crowded that we have felt it absolutely necessary to improve the ventilation as a safeguard against hospitalism and epidemics. This danger we think the new system of ventilation removes as far as possible.

Among the minor improvements that have been made may be mentioned the re-painting and re-furnishing of the medical board room, whose shabbiness had for several years excited the criticisms of our friends, and the erection of an addition to the small pavilion in order to provide for a pain shop outside of the hospital proper. This was done in pursuance of a recommendation of the board of visitors, and, indeed, we believe, very considerably, the fire risk. We have also purchased a 14x16 tent, which can be used in summer to accommodate patients requiring isolation, when the pavilions are full.

The need of a new building has been spoken of so often, both in the annual reports of the directors and in the quarterly reports of the prudential committee, that it seems superfluous to urge our needs in this direction any more. During the past year the prudential committee, judging it to be impossible to raise enough money to put up a brick addition, such as is plainly desirable, set themselves to work to obtain plans for a one-story wooden building, to contain a ward of twenty-two beds, and the necessary dining-room, bath-rooms, closets, etc., as well as an accident room.

The design which they have recommended for this purpose can probably be carried out at an expense of \$7,500. The ventilating will cost about \$3,500. They have accordingly endeavored to raise ten or eleven thousand dollars to cover the expense of these two objects. Subscriptions to the extent of \$4,450 have thus far been received, and an anonymous gift of one thousand dollars is in the treasury and can be appropriated to this object, if necessary. This would leave \$3,500 more to be raised in order to cover the whole expense contemplated. It seems a small sum to ask of the people of New Haven for such an object, and we feel that there ought to be no difficulty in raising what is needed before spring, in order that we may at once proceed with the building in the early summer.

In closing, it gives us pleasure to testify again to our appreciation of the ability, industry, and fidelity of the superintendent and of the officers of the hospital under him. We are indebted in a

more than usual degree this year to the boards of visitors, both of whom have been most regular and systematic in their work, and from both of whom we have received valuable suggestions with regard to the hospital. To those who have contributed towards the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and the Christmas tree, and who have sent other donations throughout the year, we wish to express our grateful acknowledgments. Our thanks are due in an especial degree to those who have given not only money but time and strength to the service of the sick; to the clergymen who have conducted services in the chapel; and to the singers who, under the direction of Miss Alice Wilson, have come to the hospital every Sunday afternoon and delighted the patients with their music.

For the Board of Directors,

HENRY W. FARNAM,
WILLIAM H. CARMALT,
THOMAS HOOKER,

Presidential Committee.

NEW HAVEN, January 19, 1885.

At the annual meeting of the board of directors of the General Hospital Society held January 30, 1885, the following vote was passed:

Resolved, That in recognition of the generosity of Dr. Henry Bronson in contributing to the funds of the hospital, and in further commemoration of the services of his son, the late Dr. S. Henry Bronson, ward No. 1 west be named the "Bronson Ward."

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

To the Board of Directors of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN—The medical board believe that the year past has been productive of good and efficient work on their part.

An increase of the active service in the hospital seems to require the appointment of a fourth member of the house staff.

The board take pleasure in testifying to their satisfaction with the nursing as at present rendered, and to its increased efficiency since the appointment of assistant head nurses in each ward.

In behalf of the medical board,

Very respectfully,

(Signed)

SAMUEL D. GILBERT,
Secretary Medical Board.

See HAYES, January 17, 1887.

Fractures:		Pseudotuberculosis:	1
Fore:	1	Pseudopox:	1
radial, compound:	1	Pneumonia:	1
" and ulna compound:	2	tissue:	1
Fore:	2	tibia:	1
" scapula, tibia and fibula com-		Pseudotuberculosis traumatica:	1
pound:	1	Fore disease:	1
" tibia and fibula:	1	Prolapsus ani:	1
scapula, compound:	1	Prostate, enlarged:	1
skull, base of:	1	Puerperia:	1
" compound:	1	Pyemia:	1
tibia and fibula:	4	Pyelitis:	1
" " compound:	7	Pyelitis:	1
" with dislocation of fibula:	1	Retention of urine:	2
vertebrae, dorsal:	1	Scabies:	1
Front. liles:		Syphilis:	
fore:	8	male:	2
fingers:	11	neck:	2
Gangrene:		elbow:	1
heel, of foot:	1	Strictures:	
traumatic, of foot:	1	rectum, organic:	2
" of foot and tibia:	1	" spasmodic:	1
Gonorrhea:	1	" with ulceration, syphilitic:	2
" varum:	2	urethra:	4
Gonorrhea:	4	" with urinary fistula:	2
Gynæcology:	1	Subluxation of carpus, lateral:	1
Hæmorrhoids:	1	Syphilis:	6
Hæmorrhoids:		Tumors:	
ligament, reducible:	2	abdominal:	2
" strangulated:	1	adipose:	
Hydrocele:	1	face:	2
Injury to eye:	4	sub-maxillary:	1
Intestinal obstruction:	2	carcinoma:	
Iritis:	2	axillary glands:	2
" and keratitis:	2	breast:	10
Keratitis:	1	neck and tongue:	2
Morbus coarctatus:	10	sternum and ovaries:	2
Necrosis:		conformations of arms, syphilitic:	2
humeral:	2	epithelioma:	
maxilla inferior:	1	eyelids:	1
" superior:	2	lip:	2
pelvis:	1	tongue:	1
phalanges:	2	gumma of thigh:	1
rib:	6	hematoma, gluteal:	1
tibia:	1	ligament:	
Ophthalmia, gonorrheal:	1	back:	1
Optic nerve, stricture of:	1	lip:	1
Ovitis:	1	moss venous and labium:	1

Tumors:		Ulcers:	
cruciate cysts.....	1	slump.....	2
carcinoma:		sol.....	1
axilla.....	3	Dactylitis.....	1
back.....	1	Varicose veins.....	2
breast.....	1	Vascular aneurysm.....	2
face.....	2	Widow.....	1
scalp.....	1	Wounds, gun shot:	
Floors:		abdominal wall.....	1
arm.....	1	jaw.....	1
back, syphilitic.....	1	nose.....	1
cornea.....	1	scalp.....	1
foot, phlegmatic.....	1	thigh.....	1
limbs, syphilitic.....	1	neck of throat.....	1
leg, infected.....	8	incised:	
" infected.....	2	foot.....	1
" syphilitic.....	2	hand.....	2
" varicose.....	2	leg.....	1
testes.....	1	urethra.....	1

SURGICAL OPERATIONS IN 1884.

Aspirations:		Removal of sarcoma of axilla.....	1
arm.....	1	" " of back.....	3
breast.....	2	" tumor, gluteal.....	1
finger.....	12	Excision of intra-pelvic abscess.....	1
testes.....	2	Slit-lip.....	1
Boy's.....	1	Incision, exploratory about hip joint.....	1
leg.....	2	Excision of Morgagni's hernia.....	1
Pilon's.....	2	Infection.....	1
thigh.....	3	Ligation of humeral artery.....	2
hand.....	1	" of inguinal artery.....	1
toes.....	1	" of femoral artery.....	2
finger.....	1	Lithotomy.....	2
Catheter, extraction of.....	2	Lithotomy.....	2
" penile of iron bar.....	1	Lithotomy.....	1
Circumcision.....	1	Orchiectomy for great varicocele.....	1
Coleman, femur.....	1	" for abscessed fracture of femur.....	1
Excision of epidermis and.....	1	Ovariectomy.....	1
Excision of anal fistula.....	1	Plastic for constrictor constriction.....	1
" of sinus of back.....	1	Sequesterectomy of humerus.....	1
Excision of urethral stricture.....	1	" femur.....	1
Excision of eyelid.....	2	" eye, maxilla.....	1
Excision of circumscissum glands of axilla.....	1	" rib.....	2
Excision of epithelioma of eyelid.....	1	Staphylococci.....	1
" " lip.....	2	Tracheotomy.....	1
" hip joint.....	2	Trephining skull.....	1
" lip of lip.....	1	Total.....	99
" nose, vermilion and labium.....	1		

MEDICAL CASES TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL IN 1884

[illegible]

Pneumonia, lobar.....	16	Rheumatism, gonorrheal.....	2
" lobular.....	3	" articular.....	8
" hydro-thorax.....	1	Rheumatoid arthritis.....	2
Trussing, lead.....	2	Sarcoma of testis.....	1
" opium.....	2	Scabies.....	6
Tuberculous.....	5	Sclerosis of anterior lateral column.....	1
Fracture.....	28	Serousitis.....	2
Electrocution, acute.....	11	Toxicitis follicular.....	2
" " and endocarditis.....	1	Tuberculosis and empyema.....	1
" " chronic diffuse.....	1	Tumor of brain.....	2
" " nephritis.....	1	Unclassified.....	1
" " pericarditis.....	2		
" chronic.....	11	Total.....	426

GYNECOLOGICAL CASES TREATED IN THE HOSPITAL IN 1884.

Abscess, mammary.....	1	Fungoid degeneration of endometrium.....	1
" pelvic.....	4	Ovarian cyst.....	1
Axillotomy with endometritis.....	1	Parietum lacinated.....	1
Carcinoma of uterus.....	2	" " and cervix lacinated.....	2
Cervix elongated and unaltered tissue.....	1	Postpartum and cellulitis, pelvis.....	8
" lacinated and granular erosion.....	2	" chronic pelvis.....	1
Endometritis, cervical.....	1	Prolapse and lacinated cervix.....	1
" chronic.....	2	Retraction and endometritis.....	2
" " with granular erosion.....	1	Retraction and neurosis.....	1
Fibrosis of uterus.....	7	" " endometritis.....	2
Fistula recto-vaginal and stricture of rectum.....	1	" " prolapse.....	1
" retro-rectal.....	1	Septicemia puerperal.....	1
		Total.....	35

GYNECOLOGICAL OPERATIONS DURING 1884.

Excision of uterus, cancer of.....	1
Colporrhaphy.....	1
Fibrosis of uterus, excision of.....	1
Perineorrhaphy.....	1
" " immediate.....	3
" " and trachelorrhaphy.....	2
Trachelorrhaphy.....	1
Total.....	11

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Jan. 30, 1885.

To the Præsidential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith respectfully submit the fifty-eighth annual report of receipts and disbursements, number of patients in hospital, and other items of information.

The number of patients remaining in the hospital December 31st, 1884, was 125—88 males and 37 females; admitted during the year 1884, 748—523 males, 225 females; making a total of 873 under treatment—611 males, 262 females. Of this number 314 were discharged cured, 240 improved, 118 unimproved, 107 died, and 124 remained under treatment December 31st, 1884. There were 22 births, 7 males, 15 females.

The whole number of weeks occupied was 4,600½, of which 4,265½ were occupied by charity patients, or those not paying full rates. These came from 78 different towns and villages in this State, and 14 other States or countries. Of those admitted, 405 were residents of New Haven.

The greatest number of patients any one day was 148; the lowest 140; the daily average 115½. The attendants and other inmates have averaged 70½, making a total of 185½.

The current receipts, less amount refunded to patients, were \$36,038.20; the current expenses were \$39,042.13; excess of expenses over receipts, \$3,603.93.

The average cost of supporting each patient was \$4.45 per week.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

Dr.

1884. To amounts received:

From balance January 30, 1884.

U. S. Marine patients,

State soldier patients,

Town patients,

Self-paying patients,

State appropriation,

Board,

Sales,

Sanctaries,

188.60

2,342.00

7,391.83

11,780.86

8,901.76

5,000.00

255.47

322.97

22.00

\$36,544.52

Orders on Treasurer,

35,721.19

\$22,263.74

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1894. By amounts expended:	
For Flour, 4,537 pounds,	\$149.10
Meal and Rice, 4,411 pounds,	185.36
Bread and Crackers, 32,136 pounds,	1,348.11
Cake,	181.45
Butter, 8,760 pounds,	1,808.74
Cheese, 409½ pounds,	58.98
Meat, 50,646½ pounds,	6,322.41
Poultry, 4,589½ pounds,	805.49
Fish and oysters, 9,632 pounds,	1,183.17
Vegetables and fruit,	1,199.45
Eggs, 8,925 dozen,	1,084.75
Groceries,	1,293.80
Milk, 62,894 quarts,	2,975.09
Ice, 175,880 pounds,	331.70
Liquors,	444.50
Ale and Beer,	236.97
Medicines,	1,461.35
Instruments,	380.31
Surgical Dressings,	803.25
Fuel,	3,353.18
Gas, 399,391 feet,	1,108.29
Water,	170.00
Furniture and crockery,	455.29
Clothes and bedding,	646.84
Repairs and improvements,	1,554.08
Postage, printing and stationery,	360.34
Barn and farm expenses,	558.87
Tools,	33.45
Salaries and wages,	8,322.24
Potash and soap,	509.23
Sundries,	559.85
	\$39,647.73
Special improvements, (ventilation),	205.04
Refunded to patients,	468.75
Deposited with treasurer,	31,195.76
Balance, January 20, 1895,	748.44
	\$72,265.74
Total current hospital expenses,	\$39,647.73
Less board of superintendent's family and others,	735.45
	\$38,912.28
Number of weeks of hospital care, 6,899½	
Cost per week per patient,	6.43
Total cost of food,	15,786.83
Average daily number of inmates, 185½	
Cost of food per day per inmate,	77½c.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. STARKWEATHER,
Superintendent.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31, 1883	88	37	125
Admitted during 1884	523	225	748
Total	611	262	872
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured	222	92	314
Improved	144	66	210
Unimproved	78	40	118
Died	88	37	125
Remaining under treatment, Dec. 31, 1884	87	37	124
Total	611	262	872

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS.

From January 1, 1884, to December 31, 1884.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
January	88	52	140
February	58	16	74
March	40	18	58
April	35	18	53
May	51	24	75
June	37	19	56
July	59	19	78
August	47	23	70
September	46	18	64
October	48	21	69
November	24	12	36
December	66	31	97
Total	572	275	847

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

Armenia	2	Egypt	1	Russia	7
Belgium	7	Hungary	1	Sweden	11
Bohemia	1	Ireland	184	Switzerland	3
Canada	8	Italy	21	Scotland	28
Denmark	3	New Brunswick	2	United States	272
England	71	Nova Scotia	4	Wales	4
Finland	8	Norway	4	Unknown	4
France	4	Poland	1		
Germany	59	Prince Edward's Is.	1		
					748

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 15 years	29	14	43
From 15 to 20 years	24	18	42
" 20 to 30 "	128	82	210
" 30 to 40 "	185	84	269
" 40 to 50 "	189	27	216
" 50 to 60 "	88	16	104
" 60 to 70 "	46	12	58
" 70 to 80 "	13	1	14
" 80 to 90 "	2	1	3
" 90 to 100 "	1		1
Total	525	215	740

TIME OCCUPIED BY THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF PATIENTS.

U. S. Marine Patients	794	weeks.
State Soldier	1374	"
Town	1745	"
Self-paying	1246	"
Free Bed	247	"
Charity	189	"
Total	6699	

REPRESENTATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN CONNECTICUT

In the Hospital during the Year ending December 31, 1884.

Albany	1	Ledyard	1	Portland	1
Andover	1	Litchfield	1	Prospect	1
Ansonia	19	Madison	1	Reynolds Bridge	1
Bethany	3	Merkon	27	Seymour	4
Birmingham	14	Middlefield	1	Sharon	1
Branchville	1	Middle Haddam	1	Stratford	2
Branford	2	Middletown	4	Stony Creek	1
Bridgewater	13	Milford	1	South Norwalk	4
Bridgewater	1	Moore	1	Southington	13
Campville	1	Mill-Cornell	1	Southport	4
Central Village	2	Naugatuck	6	South Windsor	1
Cheshire	4	New Britain	7	Thomaston	4
Clintonville	1	Newington	1	Torrington	4
Collierville	4	Norfolk	1	Union City	1
Danbury	2	New Haven	212	Unionville	1
Darien	1	New London	5	Wallingford	11
Derby	2	New Milford	1	Washington	1
East Hartford	1	North Haven	2	Waterbury	19
East Haven	1	North Mallett	1	Watertown	7
Far Haven	26	Norson	1	West Haven	3
Guildford	2	Norwalk	1	Westville	6
Hamden	4	Norwich	2	Westbrook	2
Hartford	1	Orange	1	Whitot	1
Hastington	1	Plainville	1	Woodbury	1
Killingworth	1	Plymouth	1	Woodbridge	1
				Woodville	1

OCCUPATION.

Alimentary clerk	2	Farmers	18	Printers	2
Barkeepers	5	Fishermen	2	Proctors	2
Bakers	1	Foodstyves	2	Quarrymen	2
Baptists	5	Gardeners	2	Rug pickers	2
Blacksmiths	14	Grainers	2	Restaurant keepers	1
Bellows	1	Grocers	4	Roll grinders	1
Blacksmiths	5	Hatters	5	Rubber makers	2
Blaze makers	2	Harness maker	1	Sabon keeper	1
Bookbinder	1	Hatters	5	Sawyers	2
Book-keepers	6	Housekeeper	1	Seamstresses	1
Bottle	1	House work	19	Seamen	20
Brewers	2	Janitors	2	Servants	14
Burnishers	2	Joiners	8	Shirt maker	1
Buffers	1	Laborers	21	Silk spinners	1
Bushes	7	Laundresses	2	Spring grinders	1
Cabinet maker	1	Lock maker	1	Spoon makers	2
Carpenters	9	Machinists	7	Stone cutters	7
Carriage makers	1	Masons	8	Tailors	8
Cartridge maker	1	Mechanics	2	Teachers	2
Cashiers	2	Metric worker	1	Teamsters	14
Cash maker	1	Milk	1	Tool maker	2
Clocks	2	Metal turner	1	Vanisher	1
Clock makers	5	Milkmen	2	Veterinary surgeons	1
Clothes	1	Molders	6	Waters	6
Clothes	2	Nurses	2	Watchmen	1
Clock maker	1	Older	1	Wetmaker	1
Coalfactor R. R.	1	Opera singer	1	Wetmen	2
Cooks	2	Painters	1	Wardmaster	1
Copper-workers	2	Painters	20	Wetmen	1
Cutlers	8	Paper box maker	1	Wine workers	5
Electrician	1	Paper hanger	1	Witch makers	8
Engineers	3	Physicians	1	Woodmen	1
Engineer	1	Printer	1	Woodmen	1

DONATIONS.

RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR 1884.

Publishers have kindly furnished the hospital with the New Haven Daily Palladium, the New Haven Daily Journal and Courier, the New Haven Daily Register, the New Haven Daily Union, and the New Haven Morning News. Friends have also sent and subscribed for the Independent and the Youth's Companion; children of Dr. G. B. Farnham the St. Nicholas Magazine.

BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND PAPERS.

Mrs. E. H. Trowbridge, Mrs. Judd, May T. Potter, Mrs. N. E. Bailey, Leonard S. Hotchkiss (11 times), Dr. Robertson, Mrs. M. F. Tyler, Dr. T. H. Bishop, Watson V. Cox, Miss Barnell, Mrs. Robert Wilson, Mrs. H. T. Blake, George H. Ford, Mrs. W. D. Clarkson (4 times), Thomas R. Trowbridge, Jr., Mrs. Edward Downarth, Mrs. B. B. Harrison, Mrs. L. H. Wood, Mrs. J. E. Pinkerman, Mrs. Jonathan Ingessell, William Gale, Edward Butler, Miss Blakeslee, Mrs. Hoadley, Y. W. C. Association, Sherman F. Grannis, L. Bodwick, Mrs. E. K. Atwater, Charles H. Farnum, Mrs. Edward Stevens, Mrs. William C. Robinson, Mrs. Everett, G. W. Smith, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Hoadley D. Ives, Mrs. J. B. Bates, Y. B. Bliss, Mrs. Moriarty.

CLOTHING, OLD LINES AND OLD MUSLINS.

Mrs. Cony, Mrs. Bonifant, Mrs. R. Bell, Miss Yale, Mrs. C. A. Lindley, Mrs. H. T. Blake, Mrs. Dr. L. H. Wood, Mrs. Jonas Ullman, Mrs. O. A. Thayer, Dr. Thomas H. Russell, Mrs. Osborn, Mrs. Curtiss, Mrs. Gardner Morse, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Kimbrough, Mrs. Phila. Chatfield, Mrs. Hemingway, Mrs. S. Morwin, H. W. Gallup, C. W. Townsend, S. G. Thren, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. James G. English, Mrs. B. Healey, Grace Church, Leonard S. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Sperry, Miss Learned, Mrs. E. Bassett, Miss Bailey, Mrs. S. Whitlock, Young Ladies' Sewing Society, Mrs. D. L. Gardiner, Mrs. R. J. Miner, Mrs. Crestner, Mrs. S. H. Street, Mrs. B. B. Savage, Mrs. J. D. Baldwin, Mrs. J. D. Reynolds, Mrs. Bockwell, Mrs. T. H. Pease, Mrs. J. Peck, Mrs. Peete, Mrs. Foote, Mrs. C. F. Platt, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. J. E. Earle, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. E. D. Page, Mrs. J. H. Klock, Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. Burritt Hinckock, Mr. Bunnell, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. R. M. Evers, Mrs. J. B. Carrington, Mrs. Beecher, Mrs. Geo. P. Martin, Mrs. Samuel Hinckock, Mrs. Honor Fitch, Mrs. T. B. Cornwall, Mrs. L. Berick,

J. N. Fulton, Mrs. H. B. Harrison, Mrs. Pierpont, Mrs. Thomas Wells, C. B. Gorham, Mrs. J. B. Hood, Trinity House, Mrs. E. J. Barnett, Mrs. H. T. Blake, Mrs. Lury, Mrs. Beach, Rev. E. E. Beardsley, Mrs. Lewis Fitch, Mrs. Biram Camp, Mrs. Platt, Mrs. Robinson, Dr. F. C. Stone, E. Smith, Miss Foster, Mrs. Reed, Miss Prudden, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Wm. E. Tyler, Mrs. Geo. C. Crittenden, Mrs. Foukett, Mrs. H. B. Allen & H. Beckley, Mrs. E. S. Rowland, Mrs. Joseph Street, Mrs. Joseph Parker, Dr. Bogart, Mrs. Joseph E. Sheffield, Mrs. Lucinda Chaffield, Mrs. Mansfield, C. P. Wurts, Mrs. E. E. Atwater, Mrs. Rowe, Miss Julia Barker, Mrs. Cheeton, Mrs. Thos. Medley, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Byington, Mrs. Hickox, Mrs. Wm. Brotherton, Mrs. A. McAlister, Mrs. J. H. Ensign, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Frank Bolden, A. Sachs, J. S. Fowler, Mrs. T. D. Woolsey, Mrs. W. H. Russell, Mrs. H. A. Newton, Mrs. Hanes Fitch, Mrs. Andrews, Miss DuBois, Prof. Johnson, Mrs. Griffith, Rev. C. H. Williams, Mr. Shaw, J. W. Stoddard, A. C. Wilcox, B. W. Mill, Mrs. O. L. Thompson, Mrs. Alfred Blackburn, B. Mansfield, Miss Carrie Peck, Mrs. Dr. Alling, Mrs. Levi Gilbert, Mrs. Frederick Ives, Bartholomew Healy, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Lanfair, and thirty-one packages from unknown friends.

FRUIT AND FLOWERS.

Miss Susan Bradley, Miss Hawkins, Mrs. G. S. Lord, Trinity S. School, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Woodruff, Mrs. Hodson, John Crainer, Mrs. Geo. Bedford, Mrs. Winchester, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. J. P. Bown, Dr. J. S. Walker, Mrs. Georgis Whitlock, Mrs. S. W. Whitlock, Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Trowbridge, Miss English.

FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS.

Mrs. Griffing, 2 dozen silver-plated tea spoons; Mrs. Wm. Fitch, Christmas letters; Mrs. S. W. Whitlock, nuts and fruit; Church of the Redeemer, toys; Dr. G. B. Farnam, \$25.00; Mrs. Ann S. Farnam, \$50.00; turkeys from Dr. E. H. Bishop, Dr. T. H. Bishop, Edwin Marble, Miss Lilla T. Parker, Mrs. Wm. Fitch, Mrs. E. H. Trowbridge, Mrs. J. B. Carrington, Mrs. Everett, Robert Morgan, Wm. O. Armstrong, Mr. John A. Porter, Mrs. E. C. Beal, Mrs. John English; 1 bd. apples, 1 box oranges, 1 bunch bananas and 5 lbs. grapes, Mrs. F. P. Gilbert.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. E. G. Thompson, a variety of surgical and medical appliances; Mrs. Joseline Ingerson, wardrobe; John Sheffield Porter, stuffed sitting and reclining chair; Dr. W. H. Carmalt, hammock support; Dr. R. O. DuBois, one pair crutches; Miss M. H. Fellows, three jars pickles; Mrs. E. A. Mitchell, cakes and biscuit; Mrs. Rogers, two feather pillows; Mrs. Biggs and Miss Weber, 1 dozen bottles grape wine; Mrs. Demarest, pop corn for children; Mrs. Stoughton, medical appliances; Mrs. Newton, spoons; Mrs. Harwood, eggs; Mrs. Whitlock, ice cream; Rev. E. E. Beardsley, one air cushion and two dressing rubbers; Mrs. Dr. Bacon, 8 dozen stand covers.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

RECEIVED BY L. S. HUTCHINS, TREASURER.

The days set apart for this collection in 1884 were Saturday and Sunday, January 12th and 13th.

From William L. Andrews, New York.....	225.00
German Lutheran Evangelical Trinity Church.....	11.11
Westville Congregational Church.....	20.12
Church of the United Society (North).....	194.13
First Church (Center).....	978.69
St. John's Episcopal Church.....	2.40
R. S. Fellows.....	50.00
Trinity Episcopal Church.....	462.30
Pierpont B. Foster.....	25.00
Christ Church.....	18.56
Howard Avenue Congregational Church.....	14.13
Seymour Congregational Church.....	18.75
O. W. Folwell, Waterbury.....	3.00
Grace Church, Fair Haven.....	93.00
William McCull, Branford.....	1.00
St. Thomas Church, New Haven.....	38.29
Church of the Sacred Heart.....	63.00
T. F. Hamner, Branford.....	5.00
Mrs. F. B. Dexter.....	25.00
Church of the Redeemer.....	285.00
Trinity Chapel.....	10.63
Church of the Ascension.....	3.00
Christ Church, Guilford.....	33.20
First Congregational Church, Fair Haven.....	33.25
Davenport Congregational Church.....	29.06
Dwight Place Church.....	51.50
Trinity M. E. Church.....	34.37
W. D. Whitney.....	10.00
First Congregational Church, Waterbury.....	29.49
St. Paul's Church, New Haven.....	173.04
Second Congregational Church, Fair Haven.....	23.13
Humphrey Street Congregational Church.....	86.63
St. Boniface (R. C.) Church.....	12.09
Friend in Westville.....	2.00
Congregation Miskkan Israel.....	144.75
Congregational Church, Birmingham.....	22.00
First M. E. Church.....	56.12
E. J. B.....	5.00
St. John's (R. C.) Church.....	22.55
Congregation Kmai Sholem.....	11.00
Calvary Baptist Church.....	125.00
College Street Church.....	20.00
Mrs. Ann S. Farnum.....	200.00

\$2,472.37

TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The General Hospital Society of Connecticut,
In account with LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, Treasurer.*

	Dr.	
1881.	To orders of prudential committee paid.....	\$34,199.95
Jan. 1	Amount paid for 201 shares New Haven County National Bank stock.....	2,694.00
	Amount paid for common shares Yale National Bank stock.....	2,695.00
Feb. 23	Amount paid for association shares New Haven County National Bank stock.....	118.00
July 5	Amount paid for six shares Second National Bank stock.....	905.00
Aug. 7	Amount paid for two shares Merchant's National Bank stock.....	171.00
Dec. 31	Balance to new account.....	2,612.89
		<hr/> \$47,484.84

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1882.	By balance and account.....	\$1,498.44
Jan. 1	Collections Hospital Society.....	3,471.37
	Donations, viz., as follows:	
	F. K. Bookwith.....	\$25.00
	A friend.....	400.00
	Mrs. Wm. Fitch.....	50.00
	A friend.....	200.00
	A friend.....	1,000.00
	John M. Olmsted estate (legacy).....	1,000.00
		<hr/> 2,925.00

Interest as follows:

Mar. 21	Six months interest to March 15, 1884, on Town of New Haven \$5,000 note.....	\$125.00
April 2	Dividend Yale National Bank stock, 17 shares.....	51.00
April 16	Dividend New Haven County National Bank stock, 600 shares.....	110.00
May 5	Six months interest to May 5, 1884, on Town of New Haven \$14,000 note.....	375.00
June 19	Six months interest to Dec. 7, 1883, on M. C. & H. W. R. Munson note.....	125.00
July 7	Six months interest, City of New Haven bonds.....	180.00
	Dividend Merchant's National Bank stock, 85 shares.....	171.30
Sept. 22	Six months interest to Sept. 15, 1883, on Town of New Haven \$5,000 note.....	125.00
Oct. 7	Dividend Yale National Bank stock, 17 shares.....	51.00
16	Dividend New Haven County National Bank stock, 600 shares.....	110.00
Nov. 18	Six months interest to Nov. 5, 1883, on Town of New Haven \$15,000 note.....	375.00
Dec. 31	Six months interest to June 7, 1883, on M. C. & H. W. R. Munson note.....	125.00
71	Six months interest on City of New Haven bonds due Jan 1, 1882.....	160.00
	Dividend Merchant's National Bank, 100 shares.....	175.00
	Dividend Second National Bank, 4 shares.....	20.00
		<hr/> 2,318.30

Amount received from J. H. Starkweather, superintendent..... \$1,178.75

\$47,484.84

STATEMENT OF BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1885.

Four bonds of the City of New Haven, par.	\$4,000.00
One hundred shares Merchants' National Bank stock, par.	5,000.00
six hundred shares New Haven County National Bank stock, par.	6,000.00
Seventeen shares Yale National Bank stock, par.	1,700.00
Note Town of New Haven (4 per cent.)	15,000.00
Note Town of New Haven (2 per cent.)	5,000.00
Note Mary C. and H. W. E. Munson.	5,000.00
Six shares Second National Bank stock, par.	600.00

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

LEONARD S. BUTTRICKSON, Treasurer.

New Haven, January 1, 1885.

We have examined the within and foregoing account, and have compared the same with the account as entered upon the books of the treasurer, and have compared the payments therein made with the vouchers therefor, and find the same correct, and that there was, on the first day of January, 1885, a balance \$35,675.00 to the credit of the treasurer in the New Haven County National Bank.

We also find that the treasurer has in his possession belonging to said Hospital Society the following securities and property, to-wit:

Four bonds of the City of New Haven, par.	\$4,000.00
Note of Mary C. and H. W. E. Munson, secured by mortgage.	5,000.00
Note of the Town of New Haven for.	15,000.00
Note of the Town of New Haven for.	5,000.00
One hundred shares of the capital stock of the Merchants' National Bank, New Haven, par.	5,000.00
Six hundred shares of the capital stock of the New Haven County National Bank.	6,000.00
Seventeen shares of the capital stock of the Yale National Bank, par.	1,700.00
Six shares of the capital stock of the Second National Bank, par.	600.00

(Signed)

DANIEL F. WHEATON.

HENRY D. WHITE.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 19, 1885.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with custom, the Board of Visitors herewith submits its annual report on those matters over which it has supervision.

Visits have been made by members of the board with considerable regularity through every month of the year, and all parts of the hospital, with its adjacent buildings and grounds, have been minutely inspected from time to time and at different hours of the day. Inquiry has been made of patients with regard to their food and care, and every means at our disposal has been taken to learn the actual condition of the premises and the treatment which its inmates have received.

It is a pleasure to be able to say that we are satisfied from our inspection that the hospital is performing the work for which it was established in a way as efficient as possible with the means at its disposal.

We note with satisfaction that the two measures recommended in the last annual report of this board have been carried out. The hospital superintendent has been appointed a special constable, so giving him what authority was before lacking to deal with unruly patients, and the paint-shop, formerly in the main building, has been removed from it, thus lessening materially the risk from fire.

The suggestions of the visitors with regard to minor matters requiring attention have been promptly carried out by the superintendent.

So far as has been observed by the board and learned from the uniform testimony of the patients, the nurses have been most efficient and kindly in their offices for the sick, and we regard the training school and the services of its pupils as invaluable, believing that in no other way could the hospital secure such suitable care for the unfortunate committed to it.

The visiting board desires to recommend:

First, That the hospital be provided with handgrenades and fire-extinguishers, and also with stand-pipes and hose attached on each floor, to lessen to the utmost the fire risk.

Second, That the refrigerator room, which is quite too small for the needs of the hospital during the summer months, be considerably enlarged.

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. B. BOWERS, Chairman,
MAX ADLER,
E. W. BARDOCK,
PATRICK MAHER,
C. W. PARK,
E. H. JESKES, Secretary.



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LADY VISITORS.

To the Prefectural Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Lady Visitors have, during the past year, continued to hold monthly meetings on the first Wednesday in each month, at which the reports of the visitors for the month are read and the affairs of the hospital discussed. Not a single week during the past year has elapsed without some member of our board visiting the hospital, and usually as many as four, or more, visits a week are made. We therefore feel that we can speak with some little authority when we say that, in our opinion, the management of the hospital deserves the entire confidence of the public.

It gives us pleasure to be able to testify to the faithful discharge by Mr. Starkweather of the duties of his office, and we believe, also, that he takes a kindly interest in the welfare of each patient. Mrs. Wise, the housekeeper, is most economical and efficient. As for the head nurse, Miss Cresmer, and the nurses under her, we cannot speak too highly of them. Their unwearied patience; their cheerfulness; their devotion to their work, has again and again aroused our admiration. Not only do

they minister to bodily ailments, but their softening, refining, cheering influence has touched and elevated many a hardened man, has soothed and lightened many a weary soul. Some of the patients seem never to have known what disinterested kindness was until they came to the hospital, and it is touching indeed to hear their simple gratitude.

The pains taken to make Thanksgiving and Christmas bright spots in their lives is not wasted, and if those who so generously give the means to provide for their entertainment on these days could see the pleasure they give, they would be a hundred times rewarded.

We cannot close this report without some mention of the kind and skillful physicians and surgeons who give so much of their valuable time and best thought to the healing of these poor suffering ones. It is a Christ-like work. May He reward them for it!

We could earnestly wish that during the coming year some place might be provided for women suffering from serious diseases and needing greater quiet than it is possible for them to have in the wards where they are at present. If the public only knew how much the hospital is cramped for want of means to make desired improvements, we think they would give more liberally, and we can assure them that such money would be most carefully and judiciously expended.

Very respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

MARY T. EVERETT, Chairman.

MAY R. J. DuBON.

Secretary for the Board of Lady Visitors.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Applications for the admission of patients should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, and should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital, New Haven, Conn. In accordance with the regulations of the hospital, the superintendent, as the representative of the prudential committee, arranges the terms of admission according to the circumstances of the case and the accommodation required.

2. The nursing is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. The ordinary charge per week for accommodation in the wards is \$6.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing.

4. Private rooms are furnished at \$12.00 or more per week according to the requirements of the case.

5. Persons partly supported by the towns in which they reside and partly by the State appropriation, are admitted on an order from the town authorities. Town patients are received at \$4.00 per week, the remainder is paid out of the State appropriation.

6. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war, or in the quotas of other States if residents of Connecticut at the time of enlistment, and now residents, are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability, under the Acts of the General Assembly of 1878, 1882 and 1884.

7. Sailors whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund are admitted on the order of the collector of the port of New Haven.

8. Persons carried directly to the hospital from the place of an accident are admitted immediately.

9. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

10. *Incurable persons* and those suffering from contagious diseases are not admitted.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

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In consideration of the admission of _____ into the Institution of the "General Hospital Society of Connecticut," at New Haven, I engage to provide, or pay for, a sufficiency of clothing for _____ use, and pay to the treasurer of said institution _____ dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance; and to cause said patient to be removed when discharged, without expense to said institution, and, in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

Principal,

For value received, I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulations.

Sincerely,

APPENDIX.

CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Training School for nurses has been established for eleven years. At first the number of pupils was limited to six; within two years it was increased to eleven, then to fourteen, and these not being sufficient to meet the many demands for special and continuous attention which critical cases required, the prudential committee raised the number to seventeen in 1880, to nineteen in 1882, and to twenty-three in 1883. In 1884 the number was made to depend upon the number of patients in the Hospital, and averaged during the past year with the head nurse and assistant twenty-nine. The pupils remain in the hospital for one year and pursue their studies and daily routine of work under the superintendence of the head nurse. Each nurse is assigned to one ward or department for several weeks, and in the course of a year has studied surgical, medical, and obstetrical nursing, and also the preparation of special dishes suitable for invalids and convalescents. Symptom records are kept which enable the physician to ascertain the varied phases of the disease, since he has seen the patient.

At the close of the year of study the nurse has a vacation of one month, and then returns to take for five months such cases of private practice as shall be assigned to her. Her home is in the hospital, when her services are not called for elsewhere, and the school pays for all the nurses there in excess of the number allowed.

The hospital authorities appreciate most highly the advantage of having this school established here. Those who enter it either have a special gift for nursing or, with a true spirit of self-sacrifice, have devoted themselves to the noble work of ministering to others; consequently the duties of that department are performed more faithfully and more skillfully than in former years, when it was thought that strength was the only requisite in a nurse.

Those wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the secretary of the school, when, if approved by the executive committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the hospital. The candidates must be over twenty-two and under forty years of age, and must present a certificate from a clergyman and physician as to their good moral character and sound health. They will be received for one month on probation and without compensation.

Information concerning the school will be furnished by the president, vice-president, or other members of the executive committee.

Pupils are received from any State.

Applications for admission should be made as early as possible to the Secretary, Mrs. Chas. B. Richards, 43 Elm street, New Haven.

Physicians or others in any part of the State desiring to secure the services of trained nurses for men or women, medical or surgical patients, should apply by telegraph or letter, stating the nature of the case, to the Superintendent of Nursing, New Haven Hospital.

The price per week for the services of a trained nurse is \$12.00, unless two members of the family are ill at the same time, when there will be a slight additional charge. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the public that it is more economical and safer for the patient to employ a reliable nurse, than to indulge in a natural but misplaced sentiment, which sacrifices the strength of an entire family in the care of one invalid member.

Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

COMMITTEES OF ADMINISTRATION.

President.

Mrs. SOAH PORTER.

Vice-Presidents.

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Mrs. H. Farnam, New Haven.	Mrs. G. M. Bartholomew, Hartford.
Mrs. D. C. Sanford, New Milford.	Mrs. Edwin Harwood, New Haven.
Mrs. F. J. Kingsbury, Waterbury.	

Treasurer.

Mr. Charles A. Sheldon.

Secretary.

Mrs. Charles B. Richards.

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Mr. Wilbur F. Day, Mr. Arthur B. Osborne.

Committee on Finance.

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Executive Committee.

Mrs. Soah Porter, Chairman.	Mrs. H. E. M. Babcock.
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Mrs. L. W. T. Curtis.	Leonard J. Sanford, M.D.
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Mrs. L. J. Sanford.	

Local Superintendent of the School.

Mrs. L. M. Cushman.

Assistant.

Mrs. C. Pike.

NURSES' HOME.

Visiting Committee.

Mrs. William Fish, Mrs. F. Wayland.

Matron.

Mrs. Wilcox.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

DIRECTORS

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY

OF

CONNECTICUT.

FOR THE YEAR 1885.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 23th, 1886.

NEW HAVEN.
TUTTLE, MOREHOUSE & TAYLOR, PRINTERS,
1886.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

It is. I give and bequeath to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, in the City of New Haven, the sum of — dollars, to be paid by my executors, out of my real or personal estate, as soon as the settlement of my affairs will permit, to the treasurer of said institution for the time being, in trust, to be applied by the directors thereof to the humane purposes of said institution.

OFFICERS

OF THE

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1886.

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FREE BED FUNDS.

1874—Henry Furness,	•	\$5,000
1874—Wm. Vitch,	-	5,000
1874—James E. English,	•	5,000
1878—Ellen M. Gifford,	•	5,000
1881-83—Henry Bronson,	-	10,000
1883—The Thanksgiving Free Bed,	•	5,000
1883—The Rose A. Porter Free Bed,	-	1,000
1888—The Henry Hotchkiss Memorial Free Bed,	•	5,000
1888—The Dwight Place Society Free Bed,	-	2,000

PERMANENT FUNDS.

1877—Isaac Larned,	•	\$5,000
1878—Nelson A. Hotchkiss,	•	5,000
1885—Mary A. Miller,	-	1,000

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The board of directors has the honor to present herewith to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut its fifty-ninth annual report as prepared by the prudential committee:

The past year has been remarkable chiefly for an interruption of the continuous increase in the number of patients, which we had occasion to notice from 1879 down to 1884. The average number of patients in the hospital for those years has been as follows:

1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885
87½	87½	80	100½	112	115.1	165.2

The average has thus fallen slightly below what it was in 1882. The total number of patients under treatment, however, has been very nearly as large as it was in 1884, it having been in that year 873, and 862 in 1885; and the average number of weeks occupied by each patient in the hospital has been less. The average time spent in the hospital by each patient for the past six years has been as follows:

1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885
6.2	5.1	7.8	7.2	6.8	6.3

These figures indicate a considerable and steady increase in the activity of the hospital. The severity of the service during the past year is shown still more strikingly in the number of surgical cases treated, which was 388 in 1884, and 418 in 1885, while the number of surgical operations was 98 in 1884, and 125 in 1885. The medical cases naturally showed a corresponding falling off, the number in 1884 having been 426, and 390 in 1885.

This very remarkable increase in the work of the hospital in spite of the falling off in the number of patients, we attribute largely to the opening of the Bridgeport Hospital as well as to the continued use of the Soldiers' Home at Noroton. We are constantly sending patients to both institutions, and as those that we send are usually chronic cases, or cases requiring little treatment, the natural result is a constant increase in the proportion of acute and severe cases in the hospital.

This fact is also one of the chief causes of the unfavorable financial outcome of the year. Our total current receipts for the year have been \$32,139.66; our current expenditures, exclusive of special improvements, were \$40,879.10, making a deficit of \$8,749.23. This remarkably unfavorable showing can be explained only by a careful study of the figures. It will be noticed that our current receipts are nearly four thousand dollars less than they were last year, while our current expenses were more than one thousand dollars greater. The falling off in receipts is, of course, due to the diminution in the number of patients. This fall and its distribution over the different classes shows itself in the following table:

Change in the number of weeks occupied by the different classes of patients during 1885 as compared with 1884.

Marine patients,	- 3.09	Self-paying patients,	-18.18
State soldier patients,	-18.45	Free bed patients,	- 75
Total patients,	- 4.28	Charity patients,	-23.55

It will be noticed here that the class of patients which pay the least, i. e., the town patients, has increased somewhat, while both the soldier patients and the self-paying patients have fallen off. The average earnings per patient, including the State appropriation of five thousand dollars, have consequently been somewhat less than they were in 1884, the earnings in that year having been \$5.77 and in 1885, \$5.75. This fall would have been greater were it not for the fact that we had an unusually profitable class of self-paying patients, the earnings per week from these patients averaging \$6.75 in 1884 and \$7.68 in 1885. But while our earnings have fallen off, it has not been possible to diminish our expenses in the same ratio. The fall in the number of patients was sudden and unexpected, and we have no reason to believe that it will be permanent. We cannot therefore run the risk of crippling the service in order to make a temporary economy. This is particularly true with regard to the number of attendants and nurses required to perform the service. We must be prepared at all times for an emergency. The consequence is that we have had a much larger number of attendants and nurses in proportion to the number of patients than in the previous year, the number in 1884 having been 70.2 with an average of 116.7 patients, while in 1885 it was 76 with an average of 105.2 patients. Many of our items of expense have increased but only relatively but absolutely, and the average cost of maintaining patients, which was \$6.43 per week in 1884, has risen to \$7.32 in 1885.

The increase in the various items per patient shows itself in the following table :

	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885
Food	\$3.13	\$3.40	\$3.39	\$3.38	\$3.35
Furniture, bedding and current repairs	27	46	25	45	26
All other items except extra- ordinary improvements	2.31	2.33	2.33	2.68	2.36
Total	\$6.37	\$6.79	\$6.98	\$6.43	\$7.27

It should be remembered that the outlay for food does not represent the outlay per inmate but per patient. The average cost of food per inmate per day has increased from 27.9 cents in 1884 to 28½ cents in 1885, or by about one cent.

To go into more detail, we find that, while there has been a fall in the consumption of liquors and beer, and in the outlay for surgical instruments, there has been a very decided increase in the outlay for medicines, surgical dressings, and salaries and wages. The principal increase in the number of attendants has been due to the increase in the number of nurses, the average number at the hospital during the past year having been 34½, while during the year 1884 it was 29½.

The loss of the hospital during the past year has, as usual, been attributable in the main to two classes of patients—the town patients and the soldier patients, both of whom are received at a rate considerably less than cost. Our gross loss upon the soldier patients during the past year has been \$1,759.08, while our loss on town patients, allowing for the appropriation of five thousand dollars, has been \$4,323.71. It would be difficult to obtain any change in the rates charged for town patients, but it does seem reasonable that the State should pay for its soldier patients a rate at least approximating the cost of maintaining them. The rate at present paid for such patients is \$3.50 a week. During the past year an application was made to the Soldiers' Hospital Board, which has control of such matters, asking them to increase the rate, and we were assured of the concurrence of the Hartford and Bridgeport hospitals in this request. Owing to an oversight, however, our application was not acted upon in time to obtain the necessary appropriation from the legislature, and consequently was laid over until the present session. We intend to renew our application this year in conjunction with the other two hospitals interested, and we have good reason to hope that it will be acted

upon favorably and that one cause of loss to the hospital may thus be partially checked.

Among the improvements made upon the hospital grounds during the past year, two are especially prominent, the addition to the nurses' dormitory, which was erected by the Training School during the summer, and the superintendent's house, which is still in process of construction. Both were authorized by votes of the Society passed at special meetings. It is expected that the new superintendent's house will greatly facilitate the administration of the hospital, as it will enable us to use for such purposes the rooms at present occupied by him. At the same time, if it should ever be necessary to extend the hospital by building wings at the northern extremity corresponding to those at the south, there will be no difficulty in arranging for an approach to such an addition through the corridor, which, as long as the superintendent occupies his present quarters, is necessarily closed. The building of this new house, therefore, seems a necessary preliminary to any extension of the hospital.

Among the minor improvements may be mentioned the rebuilding of the back steps, and the enlargement of the refrigerator.

The new system of ventilation, which was described at length in our last annual report, and which was put into operation a year ago, has worked on the whole satisfactorily, and it is gratifying to be able to state that we have thus far this winter not had a single case of erysipelas in the hospital. This freedom from that disease which troubled us so much a year ago we attribute to the improved ventilation.

We have received during the past year several important gifts and legacies. The Misses Hotchkiss have generously contributed five thousand dollars to endow a free bed, and a legacy of one thousand dollars from the late Mrs. Mary Ann Miller was paid to us during the summer. The late W. O. Armstrong also made a legacy of five thousand dollars which has not yet been paid, but which probably will be during the year. Finally, on Hospital Sunday of this year a check for twenty-five hundred dollars was put into the contribution box of the Dwight Place Church for the purpose of founding a free bed for that church, and though the generous donor of this sum does not wish his name to be mentioned, we feel justified in saying that, were we at liberty to publish it, this proof of interest in the hospital would but add to your

appreciation of the kindness of one whose name is not unfamiliar in connection with such gifts.

In conclusion we wish to thank the two boards of visitors for their faithful and systematic attention to their duties, and for the valuable suggestions which we have received from them from time to time. The kind friends who contributed towards the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, and who gave the patients so much pleasure by means of the Christmas tree and entertainment, have our heartiest thanks. We are also indebted to the clergymen who have conducted services in the chapel, and to the many benefactors who have helped in various ways during the year.

We take pleasure in testifying to our continued confidence in the ability and fidelity of the superintendent and his staff, and to the efficiency of the officers and nurses of the Training School in their exacting and responsible duties.

Respectfully submitted by

HENRY W. FARNAM,

W. H. CARMALT,

THOMAS HOOKER,

Presidential Committee

New Haven, January 25, 1888.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

To the Board of Directors of the New Haven Hospital:

GENTLEMEN—I enclose the medical and surgical statistics of the hospital for the year 1885.

These the Medical Board presents as its report for the year.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL D. GILBERT, M.D.

Secretary Medical Board

MEDICAL CASES TREATED IN THE HOSPITAL IN 1905

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SURGICAL CASES TREATED AT THE HOSPITAL IN 1886.

Ablation of scalp and ear (completed).....	1	Retrusion.....	4
Abduction of penis.....	1	Rhinoma.....	1
Abscesses of abdominal wall.....	1	Rhinoplasty.....	2
arm.....	2	Rhytisma.....	2
back.....	1	Ryphidomyia.....	2
face.....	1	Stoma in ano.....	1
foot.....	1	fistula.....	1
gluteal region.....	1	Foreign body in eye.....	1
leg.....	1	hand.....	1
neck.....	2	Fractures of clavicle.....	2
palm.....	4	Colles's.....	1
penis.....	1	femur.....	2
thigh.....	1	patella (rough) and fibula.....	1
Aneurism, femoral.....	2	neck of.....	1
popliteal.....	1	humerus.....	4
Bleed-sore.....	1	compound.....	2
Bubo.....	1	and rib.....	1
Burns.....	2	comp. (right) and sim- ple (left).....	1
Cake-like vesicles.....	2	compound and leg.....	1
Caries of wrist.....	1	tibia, compound.....	2
Cataract.....	2	patella.....	2
Clefts of lip.....	1	compound.....	1
Clasical and tubercular.....	4	patella and ribs.....	1
Crush of arm.....	2	foot.....	2
finger.....	6	radius, compound.....	1
hand.....	2	and tibia.....	1
leg.....	1	" " compound (right) and Colles's (left).....	1
right.....	1	rib and sternum.....	1
tibia.....	1	sacro-lumbar synchondrosis.....	1
Cleft palate.....	1	scapula, compound.....	1
Emphysema, cerebral.....	1	skull, base of.....	2
spinal.....	1	" " and on frontal.....	1
Empyema.....	2	" " femur, tibia and fibula compound.....	1
Contractures, contractile.....	1	compound.....	1
Contractures of abdomen.....	1	" " ribs and sternum.....	1
ankle.....	4	" " and leg.....	1
back.....	2	superior maxilla.....	1
and hip.....	1	tibia and fibula.....	1
hip.....	2	" " compound.....	1
shoulder.....	1	vertebral spine, vertebra & ribs.....	1
Cystitis.....	1	Prost. bites of foot.....	1
Dislocations of radius.....	2	finger.....	2
" and ribs.....	1		
shoulder.....	1		
Distended retina.....	1		

Gangrene, mouth of nose.....	1	Pyælia.....	1
Simian, arm.....	1	Synovitis of ankle.....	1
" foot and hands.....	1	wrist.....	1
" fingers.....	1	Structure of œsophagus.....	1
" foot.....	1	rectum.....	1
Glaucoma.....	1	uterus.....	1
Gleet.....	1	" and urinary details.....	1
Gonorrhœa.....	1	Synovitis of ankle.....	1
Gumular life.....	1	knee.....	1
Hare lip.....	1	Syphilis.....	15
Hæmorrhoids.....	2	Tetanus.....	1
Hernia, abdominal.....	2	Tonsillitis.....	1
inginal, reducible.....	1	Tumors, adenoma of axilla.....	1
" strangulated.....	1	carcinoma of axillary glands.....	1
tritis.....	1	" breast.....	1
Hydrocele.....	4	" lip.....	1
Infiltration of retina.....	1	" neck and tongue.....	1
Iris.....	2	" nose.....	1
Keratitis.....	2	" penis.....	1
Ligamentous union of breast.....	1	" rectum.....	1
Melanoid bodies in wrist.....	1	" submaxillary gland.....	2
Morbus caninus.....	12	cysts of thyroid.....	2
Necrosis of trachea lila.....	1	" kidney.....	1
lower.....	2	pus of testicle.....	1
" and lower.....	1	lipoma of back.....	1
maxilla, inferior.....	4	" hip.....	1
pelvis.....	2	" mons veneris and labium.....	1
nasopharyngeal epistaxis.....	1	lesions of rectum.....	1
scapula.....	1	sarcoma of back.....	1
sternum.....	2	" leg.....	1
tarsus.....	2	" thigh.....	1
tibia.....	1	Ulcers of arm.....	1
Neuralgia of stump.....	2	back, (syphilitic).....	1
Optic nerve, atrophy of.....	1	cornea.....	2
Ovarion.....	1	foot.....	1
Pharyngitis.....	1	hand.....	2
Pharyngitis, tubercular.....	1	leg, infected.....	2
Pharyngitis, ulcerous.....	1	" infected.....	2
Pharyngitis, tubercular.....	1	" syphilitic.....	2
Pharyngitis, ulcerous.....	1	" tuberculous.....	1
Pharyngitis, ulcerous and ligamentous.....	1	leg, varicose.....	2
Pregnancy, extra-uterine.....	1	stump.....	2
Prostate, enlarged.....	1	testis.....	2
Prostate, small.....	1	Varicose.....	1
Pseudotumor.....	1	Varicose veins of leg.....	1
Pterygium.....	1	Venereal warts.....	2
Pyæmia.....	2	Vicious union of tibia and fibula.....	1

GYNÆOLOGICAL CASES TREATED IN THE HOSPITAL IN 1885.

Abortion	4	Hematoecole, pelvic	1
Almond, pelvic	2	Lacerated cervix	4
" of labia majora	1	" perineum	1
Anterior	2	" recto-vaginal fistula, and extensive rupture	1
Carcinoma uteri	6	Prolapsed uteri	3
" and sub-acute pelvic peritonitis	6	Retrosion	1
Dysmenorrhea	1	Retrosion	5
Endometritis chronic	1	Total	31
Pyometra uteri	4		
Fluxus, retro-vaginal	1		

GYNÆOLOGICAL OPERATIONS IN THE HOSPITAL IN 1885.

Closure of recto-vaginal fistula	2
" stercoraneous	1
Fernorrhaphy	1
Trochidorrhaphy	1
Total	4

Proposed by

W. S. HANFALL, M.D., ASSISTANT.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Almond, pelvic	1	Cystitis and chronic diffuse nephritis	1
Anemia, pernicious	1	Delirium tremens	1
Aortic regurgitation and cardiac dilatation	2	Dysentery, chronic	1
Aortic regurgitation and chronic diffuse nephritis	1	Dysentery, acute	1
Apoplexy	2	Fever, purpural	1
Asphyxia	1	Fracture of base of cranium	2
Axilla locomotor	1	" " tumor (comp.) iliac and femur	1
Bil. vomit	1	" pelvic and abd.	1
Burn	2	" stomach (comp.) ribs and sternum	1
Carcinoma of breast	1	Gangrene of arm	1
" neck and tongue	1	" leg	1
" rectum	1	" scrotum	1
" stomach	2	Hemorrhage, intestinal	1
" uterus	2	" post-partum	1
Embolism of liver and acute septalitis	2	Meningitis, acute	1
Cyst, ovarian	1	Marasmus	2

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., JAN. 30, 1886.

To the Præbendal Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith respectfully submit the fifty-sixth annual report of receipts and disbursements, number of patients in hospital, and other items of information.

The number of patients remaining in the hospital, December 31st, 1884, was 124—57 males and 57 females; admitted during the year 1885, 735—521 males, 216 females; making a total of 862 under treatment—609 males, 253 females. Of this number 360 were discharged cured, 222 improved, 63 unimproved, 108 died, and 111 remained under treatment, December 31st, 1885. There were 11 births, 7 males, 4 females; also one still birth.

The whole number of weeks occupied was 5,495½, of which 3,971½ were occupied by charity patients, of those not paying full rates.

The patients admitted came from 78 different towns and villages in this State and 16 other States or countries; 396 were residents of New Haven.

The greatest number of patients any one day was 121; the lowest 52; the daily average 105½. The attendants and other inmates averaged 76, making a total of 181½.

The current receipts, less amount refunded to patients, were \$32,130.66; the current expenses were \$40,872.33; excess of expenses over receipts, \$8,741.67.

The average cost of supporting each patient was \$7.32½ per week.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

THE SUPERINTENDENT, IN ACCOUNT WITH GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

Dr.

1885. To amounts received:	
From balance,	\$743.44
U. S. Marine patients,	1,861.00
State soldier patients,	1,419.00
Town patients,	11,534.40
Self-paying patients,	7,766.00
State appropriation,	5,000.00
Board, -	664.32
Fuel,	308.71
Stables,	69.50
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	\$38,385.36
Orders on Treasurer, General account,	58,579.89
" Special Improvements,	5,000.00
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	\$26,890.89

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1883. By amounts expended:

For Flour, 4,371 pounds,	\$124.50
Meal and Rice, 2,895 pounds,	141.25
Bread and Crackers, 29,664 pounds,	1,033.00
Cake,	192.67
Butter, 699½ pounds,	1,720.15
Cheese, 422½ pounds,	96.47
Meat, 56,533 pounds,	6,672.16
Poultry, 5,974½ pounds,	1,894.17
Fish, 10,465 pounds, oysters, 141 gals.,	1,122.61
Vegetables and fruit,	1,585.64
Eggs, 4,302 dozen,	1,071.28
Groceries,	1,479.56
Milk, 68,316 quarts,	2,172.12
Ice, 181,345 pounds,	554.32
Liquors,	303.75
Alc and Beer,	558.67
Medicines,	1,861.66
Instruments,	455.94
Surgical Dressings,	317.39
Fuel,	5,899.92
Gas, 638,469 feet,	1,151.46
Water,	170.00
Furniture and crockery,	336.56
Cloths and bedding,	500.22
Repairs and improvements,	2,344.65
Postage, printing and stationery,	412.93
Burn and farm expenses,	313.31
Tools,	9.41
Salaries and wages,	5,700.81
Potash and soap,	253.76
Insurance,	100.12
Sundries,	652.40
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Special improvements (ventilation),	\$40,879.33
Superintendent's house,	5,000.34
Refunded to patients,	1,400.00
Deposited with treasurer,	28,945.23
Balance,	34.74
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	\$76,995.88
Total current hospital expenses,	\$49,879.33
Less board of superintendent's family,	684.35
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	\$49,195.00
Number of weeks of hospital care, 3,489,	
Cost per week per patient,	7.22½
Total cost of food,	\$25,974.89
Average daily number of inmates, 181½,	
Cost of food per day per inmate,	25¢ c.

Respectfully,

JOHN H. STARKWEATHER,

Superintendent.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31, 1884.....	57	31	124
Admitted during 1885.....	512	215	728
Total.....	569	245	812
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured.....	284	189	473
Improved.....	155	36	191
Unimproved.....	31	26	57
Died.....	55	44	99
Remaining under treatment, Dec. 31, 1885.....	379	222	601
Total.....	609	254	863

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS.

From January 1, 1885, to December 31, 1885.

	Males.	Females	Total.
January.....	57	19	76
February.....	27	15	42
March.....	41	11	52
April.....	39	23	62
May.....	43	16	59
June.....	42	19	61
July.....	25	19	44
August.....	52	15	67
September.....	45	18	63
October.....	43	14	57
November.....	51	11	62
December.....	52	20	72
Total.....	522	215	737

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

Austria.....	1	Germany.....	65	Poland.....	1
Belgium.....	2	Hungary.....	2	Russia.....	1
Bolivia.....	1	Ireland.....	177	Sweden.....	13
Canada.....	1	Italy.....	11	South America.....	7
Denmark.....	1	Hakira Islands.....	1	Scotland.....	1
England.....	34	New Brunswick.....	1	United States.....	28
France.....	4	Sors Soria.....	4	Wales.....	1
		Sorway.....	2	Unknown.....	9

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males	Females	Total
Under 15 years.....	15	15	41
From 15 to 25 years.....	29	15	55
" 25 to 35 ".....	132	65	197
" 35 to 45 ".....	39	48	128
" 45 to 55 ".....	106	39	145
" 55 to 65 ".....	10	24	34
" 65 to 75 ".....	29	10	49
" 75 to 85 ".....	11	1	12
" 85 to 95 ".....	1	3	4
" 95 to 100 ".....			
Total.....	521	216	724

TIME OCCUPIED BY THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF PATIENTS.

U. S. Marine Patients.....	2028 weeks
Army Soldiers.....	8951 "
Trans.....	18711 "
Self-paying.....	18227 "
Free Bed.....	2245 "
Charity.....	1171 "
Total.....	54451 "

REPRESENTATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN CONNECTICUT
In the Hospital during the Year ending December 31, 1885.

Allington..... 1	Middlefield..... 1	Southbury..... 1
Amelia..... 25	Middletown..... 2	Southington..... 6
Barkhamsted..... 1	Milford..... 5	South Manchester..... 1
Bethany..... 7	Milwau..... 1	South Norwalk..... 1
Birmingham..... 10	Muskegon..... 1	South Whitingham..... 1
Bristol..... 5	St. Catharines..... 1	Stamford..... 2
Bridgeport..... 1	New Britain..... 2	Suffield..... 1
Cheshire..... 2	New Haven..... 40	Terryville..... 1
Colchester..... 1	New London..... 2	Thomaston..... 2
Danbury..... 2	New Milford..... 2	Torrington..... 7
Derby..... 2	North Branford..... 1	Tyler City..... 5
East Haven..... 1	Northford..... 1	Union City..... 2
East..... 1	Northfield..... 1	Unionville..... 2
East Haven..... 25	North Haven..... 2	Wallingford..... 11
Greenwich..... 4	Norwalk..... 6	Washington..... 1
Groton..... 2	Norwich..... 1	Waterbury..... 25
Hartford..... 5	Oxford..... 1	Westbrook..... 1
Hartford..... 7	Plainville..... 3	West Haven..... 2
Hartington..... 4	Plymouth..... 1	Westville..... 7
Keosauqua..... 1	Portland..... 2	West Windsor..... 1
Keat..... 1	Raytown..... 4	Whitneyville..... 1
Ledyard..... 1	Salisbury..... 2	Windham Center..... 3
Leeds Island..... 2	Saybrook..... 1	Windsor..... 1
Madison..... 2	Seymour..... 5	Woodbridge..... 4
Mansfield Depot..... 1	Shoreham..... 1	Woodbury..... 1
Meriden..... 25	Shoreham..... 1	Woodmont..... 1

OCCUPATION

Bakers	4	Dialers	2	Plaster	4
Barbers	2	Fruit Peddler	1	Quartermen	1
Beer bottlers	2	Starchers	6	Railroad workers	4
Blacksmiths	9	Grinder	1	Sailors	2
Box makers	1	Grocers	2	School keepers	1
Bookbinders	18	Hack driver	1	Scissors	1
Brass workers	4	Painters	2	Sewers	1
Brick masons	1	Harvest maker	1	Shoemakers	92
Brewers	1	Iron worker	1	Servants	14
Bricklayers	2	Joiner	1	Shipping men	1
Bull makers	1	Jeweler	1	Ship repair	1
Butchers	2	Laundry	2	Shoemakers	1
Butcher	4	Laborer	100	Silver plate	1
Butcher	1	Lawyer	4	Skinner	1
Cabinet makers	5	Millwright	4	Soda makers	1
Carpenters	12	Masons	3	Spring maker	1
Carriage makers	4	Machine makers	1	Starchers	2
Ceramics makers	1	Machinist	1	Starchers	1
Cigar makers	1	Mechanics	12	Starchers	1
Clocks	5	Mechanics	11	Starchers	1
Clockmakers	1	Music teacher	1	Starchers	1
Clock makers	2	Newspaper writer	1	Starchers	1
Clock	1	Novels	1	Starchers	1
Clock makers	5	Office boy	1	Starchers	1
Clock	1	Ornament	1	Starchers	1
Clock	2	Organ grinder	1	Starchers	1
Dressmaker	1	Painter	18	Starchers	1
Driver	1	Paper hanger	1	Starchers	1
Druggists	2	Paper maker	1	Starchers	1
Edge tool grinder	1	Physician	1	Starchers	1
Engineers	1	Posters	2	Starchers	1
Farmers	31	Posters	2	Starchers	1
Fancy girls	4	Posters	1	Starchers	1
Flowers	2	Posters	9	Starchers	1
Flor	1	Posters	1	Starchers	1

DONATIONS

RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR 1885.

Publishers have kindly furnished the hospital with the *New Haven Daily Palladium*, the *New Haven Daily Journal and Courier*, the *New Haven Daily Register*, the *New Haven Daily Union*, and the *New Haven Morning News*. Friends have also sent and subscribed for the *Independent*.

BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND PAPERS.

Mrs. H. T. Blake, Mrs. E. Stevens, Leonard S. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Hotchkiss, Edward A. Manion, Mrs. Chas. Atwater, Mrs. Ann S. Farnam, F. G. Cooper, Mrs. C. W. Allen, Dryden Phelps, John C. Collins, Mrs. Morison, Hon. H. B. Harrison, Mrs. Hawkins, J. W. Kinsey, Mrs. Hiram Fitch, Miss S. M. Day, Thomas Hooker, Mrs. Sherman Smith, Mrs. Philo Babbutt, H. P. Hubbard, Mrs. Edward Bryan, Mrs. L. R. Packard, Rev. Dr. Beardsley, Dr. T. H. Bishop, Rev. R. T. Thorne, Mrs. Henry Stevens, Geo. H. Ford, Mrs. Chas. Bradford, Mrs. Brewster, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. C. H. Sullivan, Albert G. Hurlbutt, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. John S. Beach, Frank S. Miner, Nellie Childs, Gerie Tooker, Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. C. J. Benson, Miss Hawkins, Miss Sarah Mix, Mrs. John E. Earle, Mr. Robert Peck, Miss Lockwood, Mrs. Allen Semman, Miss Abbie C. Cox, L. W. Cleveland, S. E. Hemingway, Mrs. J. Davenport Wheeler, Mrs. Albert Titon, Miss Winifred French, Mrs. Jane E. Winchester, M. S. Wadham, Mrs. F. A. Beecher, Rev. S. D. Phelps, Rev. Thomas R. Bacon, (24 vol.) Mrs. Barnett, John C. Hollister, A. W. Hooper, H. H. Oddy, Mrs. W. C. Robinson, Mrs. J. S. Newberry, Mrs. W. H. Conch, Miss Rachel Chaplain, Mrs. Edward Walker (24 vol.), Mrs. A. J. DuBois, Flossie McDermott.

CLOTHING, ODS LIVES AND ODS CORROS.

United Workers, Mrs. Thomas R. Trowbridge, Jr., Home for the Friendless, Mrs. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. R. T. Thorne, Mrs. Eliza Beach, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Philo Clapham, Mrs. Wm. Fitch, Mrs. Farnam, Mrs. Bridgman, Mrs. H. B. Harrison, Miss S. V. Hotchkiss, Mrs. R. E. Rice, Mrs. Elias Dickerman, Mrs. Wm. H. Trowbridge, Mrs. H. Hooley, Mrs. Joseph Parker, Mrs. E. G. Thompson, Miss A. C. Learned, Rev. C. H. Williams, Mrs. L. R. Packard, Miss Emily Carrington, Mrs. Dr. Thacher, Mrs. Nellie Clark, Mrs. James Free, Mrs. J. D. Baldwin, Leonard S. Hotchkiss, Mrs. S. E. Burroughs, Dr. Alling,

Mrs. Calhoun, Mrs. B. N. Lyman, Mrs. King, Mrs. J. C. Hollister, Mrs. Hemingway (Watertown), Mrs. Borace P. Hoadley, Mrs. Timothy Coates, Mrs. John S. Beach, Mrs. Willis Hemingway, Mrs. Little, Mrs. J. F. Griffing, Mrs. Chas. Wheeler, Mrs. J. E. Earle, Mrs. Willard Malory (Baltimore), Miss Harriet Peck, Mrs. Dr. Walker (Milford), Mrs. Bowe, Mrs. Allen Seaman, Miss Bell, Miss Abbie C. Coase, Mrs. William Gunning, Mrs. Prof. Newton, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Chapman, L. J. Hunt, Mrs. Beebe, Mrs. N. R. Tyler, Dr. Arwiler, Miss Kennedy, Mrs. F. L. Hunt, Mr. John E. Earle, Gov. H. B. Harrison, Mrs. C. W. Clapp, Miss Bulford, Mrs. H. J. Morson, Mrs. Gustin, Ladies' Aid Society of United Church, 10 packages from unknown friends.

FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

Mrs. Everitt, Mrs. Jane E. Winchester, Mrs. Samuel Harris, Mrs. M. F. Sullivan, Miss Butler, Congregational Sunday School (Madison), Mrs. William H. Thomson, Mrs. Samuel Hayes, Mrs. John S. Beach, Miss Hunt, Miss Fannie Tibford, Mrs. E. C. Read, Mrs. Allen Seaman, United Workers, Bell Rolling, two gifts from unknown friends.

FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS.

Mrs. Kingsley, toys; Miss Susie Sanford, toys; Grace Wheeler, toys; Edith DeForest, boys and candy; No. 5 Dwight School, paper dolls and game; Mrs. Chas. A. Brooks, Christmas cards; Miss Griffing, grapes and oranges; Church of the Ascension, oranges; Mrs. Ann S. Farnam, \$20; Dr. G. B. Farnam, \$20; Prof. H. W. Farnam, \$25; Mrs. Mary P. Armstrong \$10; Dr. F. E. Beckwith, \$5; Mr. Samuel L. Penfold, \$3; Mrs. E. C. Read, 1 doz. chickens; turkeys from Mrs. Maurice Kingsley, Mrs. R. M. Everitt, Miss Lillie T. Parker, Mrs. McKim, Dr. E. H. Bishop, Dr. T. H. Bishop, Robert Morgan, Mrs. Wm. Fitch, Philando Armstrong, Mrs. T. H. Bishop; Mrs. McKim, \$5; Miss Emma L. Holbrook, \$1.

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. C. Kingsley, 1 canopy fly net; Bessie Hemingway, medical appliances; Dr. S. H. Chapman, one-half can vasoline; Rev. E. W. Babcock, shoes; Dr. W. B. Carmalt, 1 vol. Ashurst's Surgery, and hot air bath apparatus; Mr. Horace Fitch, medical appliances; Mrs. C. W. Allen, 1 doz. mugs, Mrs. Griffing, games; Mr. Robert DuBois, 2 canaries; Mrs. Everitt, 2 canary cages; Mrs. Chas. A. Brooks, Easter flowers and cards; Children of Goffe Street School, scrap books; Mrs. Levench, candy and games.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS.

MEMORANDUM OF COLLECTIONS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH AND 11TH, 1886, RECEIVED BY L. S. HUTCHINS, TREASURER.

From William L. Andrews, New York	\$25.00
Edward E. Salisbury	20.00
Rev. George H. Griffin, Milford	25.00
Westville Congregational Church	35.10
First Church, New Haven (Center)	832.23
United Church	224.00
German Lutheran Evangelical Trinity Church	10.00
A Friend	50.00
E. S. Dana	15.00
Mrs. F. B. Dexter	25.00
Hungary Street Church	50.00
Grace Church	15.00
Davenport	85.00
St. Thomas's Church	134.60
Miss Emily Gorry	200.00
Rev. Hasket McKim, Jr.	50.00
Church of the Messiah	6.63
St. John's Church	31.50
Christ Church Parish	28.00
Trinity Church	725.00
H. A. Newton	5.00
St. James's Church, Westville	8.25
Howard Avenue Congregational Church	18.60
Trinity Mission Chapel	5.48
First Congregational Church, Fair Haven	51.92
Church of the Redeemer	150.00
West Haven Congregational Church	20.00
Christ Church, Ossipee	20.00
St. Paul's Church	199.15
Dwight Place Church	15.00
Summerfield M. E. Mission	2.00
Second Congregational Church, Fair Haven	24.42
Congregation Moshé Israel	171.20
Church of the Ascension	7.75
Rev. Theodore D. Woolsey	10.00
Robert Hogan	5.00
Congregation Bnai Shalom	12.00
Congregational Church, Seymour	15.00
Willis DeLamar	10.00
Dr. Thomas H. Russell	25.00
First Baptist Church	55.00
Church of the Sacred Heart	50.00
Trinity Methodist Church	37.15
Dwight Place Church Sunday School	15.00
St. John R. C. Church	65.00
German M. E. Church	5.00
First Congregational Church, North Haven	24.40
First Methodist Church	60.00
Calvary Baptist Church	125.00
College Street Church	28.50

\$3,994.40

TREASURER'S REPORT.

*The General Hospital Society of Connecticut,**In account with LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, Treasurer.*

Dr.

1883.	To balance of prudential committee paid	\$78,221.23
May 3	Amount paid for 21 shares Yale National Bank stock	1,372.50
22	Amount paid for 19 shares Second National Bank stock	1,897.00
Sept. 7	Amount paid for 8 shares Yale National Bank stock	508.50
	(1) Balance to new account (General Account)	2,006.18
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		\$84,905.41

1885.

Cr.

Jan. 1	By balance old account	\$5,323.00
	Collection Hospital Society	\$3,594.00
	Donations from Elizabeth S. and Susan V. Hotchkiss for Henry Hotchkiss Memorial Free Bed	5,800.00
	Legacy from Mary Ann Miller estate	1,000.00
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		\$15,717.00

Interest and Dividends as follows:

Mar. 25	Six months interest to March 12, 1885, on Town of New Haven \$5,000 note	\$125.00
April 4	Dividend 11 shares Yale National Bank stock	25.50
26	Dividend 19 shares New Haven County National Bank stock	210.00
May 22	Six months interest to May 5, 1885, on Town of New Haven \$15,000 note	375.00
June 11	Six months interest to December 7, 1885, on M. C. and H. W. F. Munson note for \$5,000	125.00
July 7	Six months interest to July 1, 1885, on City of New Haven bonds	100.00
	Dividend 144 shares Merchants National Bank stock	175.00
	Dividend 25 shares Second National Bank stock	100.00
Sept. 29	Six months interest to Sept. 15, 1885, on Town of New Haven \$5,000 note	125.00
Oct. 10	Dividend 45 shares Yale National Bank stock	151.00
	Dividend 600 shares New Haven County National Bank stock	210.00
Nov. 18	Six months interest to Nov. 5, 1885, Town of New Haven \$15,000 note	375.00
Dec. 18	Six months interest to June 7, 1885, on M. C. and H. W. F. Munson \$5,000 note	125.00
21	Six months interest to Jan. 1, 1886, on City of New Haven bonds	100.00
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		2,541.50
	Amount received from J. H. Starkweather, Sept., ..	22,096.28
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		\$47,597.78

IMPROVEMENT FUND OF HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

Wm L. S. ROYCHESSE, Treasurer.

1885.	Dr.	
To order to The Eagle Co.		\$805.81
T. W. Corbett		1,153.31
New Haven Fitting Co.		121.00
Charfield & Grant		573.38
George Rockwell		122.73
New Haven Steam Boat Co.		1,135.21
Dec. 31. Balance account.		491.94
		<hr/> \$5,361.90

1885.	Cr.	
By donation from Mrs. Ann S. Furman	\$1,800.00	
Sarah S. Whitney	200.00	
Geo. H. Watson	25.00	
A Friend	100.00	
Lucy H. Boardman	100.00	
John S. Bush	25.00	
Henry W. Furman	1,000.00	
A Friend to make Dr. W. H. Churchill a Lib- rarian	500.00	
James E. English	500.00	
Miss Mary R. Perkins	500.00	
Emmett K. Baldwin	200.00	
	<hr/> \$5,210.00	

SECURITIES ON HAND JAN. 1, 1886.

4 bonds of the City of New Haven, per	\$1,000.00
100 shares Merchants National Bank stock, per	5,000.00
500 shares New Haven County National Bank stock, per	5,000.00
50 shares Yale National Bank stock, per	2,500.00
25 shares Second National Bank stock, per	2,500.00
Notes Town of New Haven, 5 per cent.	15,000.00
Notes Town of New Haven, 5 per cent.	2,500.00
Notes Mary C. and H. W. E. Maxson (secured by mortgage)	2,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD S. ROYCHESSE, Treasurer.

New Haven, January 3, 1886.

We have examined the within and foregoing account, and have compared the same with the account as entered upon the books of the Treasurer, and have compared the payments thereon made with the vouchers therefor, and find the same correct, and that on the first day of January, 1886, there was a balance of 2,809.18 dollars to the credit of the Treasurer in the New Haven County National Bank. We also find that the Treasurer has in his possession all the securities and property in the foregoing account specified as belonging to the Society.

We also find that on the first day of January, 1886, the Treasurer had to his credit in said bank the further sum of 401.94 dollars, being the balance of money belonging to the "Improvement Fund."

DANIEL TROWBRIDGE, }
HENRY D. WHITE, } Auditors.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 25, 1886.

To the Presidential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut :

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Visitors, according to custom, herewith presents its annual report.

Members of this board have visited and carefully inspected every part of the hospital which had any connection with the care of the sick, during every month in the year, and have endeavored to become familiar with the management so far as it concerns all the remedial treatment and comfort of patients. The board has not found in its visits anything calling for serious criticism. Minor suggestions made by members of the board have been promptly carried out. The patients also have almost uniformly expressed themselves as well satisfied with their treatment.

Certain sensational stories with regard to the hospital have from time to time appeared in some of our local papers during the year. The most serious charges were investigated by this board and found to be absolutely false.

The training school we believe provides more intelligent and kindly care of the sick than could be secured by the hospital in any other way.

We notice with satisfaction that hand-grenades, as an additional security against fire, have been provided, and that additional refrigerator room, which was urgently required, has also been supplied, as recommended by this board.

It is our opinion that it is desirable to secure additional store room for provisions, etc., and that the present accident room might be used for this object and a portion of the chapel might be used for an accident room.

Some doubt having arisen in the minds of certain members of this board as to the efficiency of the system of ventilation re-

recently introduced into the hospital, we earnestly commend this to the careful inspection of the Prudential Committee if possible to ascertain whether or not it is worthy of continued use.

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. B. BOWERS,

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LADY VISITORS.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Lady Visitors have during the past year continued to hold their monthly meetings, and weekly visits have been made by members of the Board. While some among us have felt that a larger expenditure in the purchase of certain articles would in the end be the truest economy, we are on the whole satisfied that the management of the hospital deserves, and should have, the entire confidence of the public. From our frequent visits to the patients, and our personal observation during these visits, we feel convinced that the patients are well and kindly cared for, and that in these respects this hospital will compare most favorably with those in other cities.

Among other improvements we notice with pleasure that the refrigerative room has been increased—an improvement which was greatly needed.

We also wish to express here our sense of how greatly the hospital is indebted to the training school for most efficient nursing. The gratitude felt by many of the patients towards their nurses is the best proof of the loving spirit in which their work is done. Nor can we close this report without bearing our witness to the faithful and conscientious manner in which the superintendent discharges his many and arduous duties, and his courteous attention to the suggestions which we have from time to time made to him.

Very respectfully submitted,

MARY T. EVERT, Chairman.

MARY R. J. DEBOES, Secretary.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Applications for the admission of patients should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, and should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital, New Haven, Conn. In accordance with the regulations of the hospital, the superintendent, as the representative of the prudential committee, arranges the terms of admission according to the circumstances of the case and the accommodation required.

2. The nursing is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. The ordinary charge per week for accommodation in the wards is \$5.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing.

4. Private rooms are furnished at \$12.00 or more per week, according to the requirements of the case.

5. Persons partly supported by the towns in which they reside and partly by the State appropriation, are admitted on an order from the town authorities. Town patients are received at \$4.00 per week; the remainder is paid out of the State appropriation.

6. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war, or in the quotas of other States if residents of Connecticut at the time of enlistment, and now residents, are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability, under the Acts of the General Assembly of 1878, 1882 and 1884.

7. Sailors whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund are admitted on the order of the collector of the port of New Haven.

8. Persons carried directly to the hospital from the place of an accident are admitted immediately.

9. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

10. Insane persons and those suffering from contagious diseases are not admitted.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

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In consideration of the admission of _____ of _____ into the Institution of the "General Hospital Society of Connecticut," at New Haven, I engage to provide, or pay for, a sufficiency of clothing for _____, and pay to the treasurer of said institution _____ dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance; and to cause said patient to be removed when discharged, without expense to said institution, and, in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

Principal.

For value received, I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulation.

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APPENDIX.

CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Training School for nurses has been established for twelve years. At first the number of pupils was limited to six ; within two years it was increased to eleven, then to fourteen, and these not being sufficient to meet the many demands for special and continuous attention which critical cases required, the prudential committee raised the number to seventeen in 1880, to nineteen in 1882, and to twenty-three in 1883. In 1884 the number was made to depend upon the number of patients in the Hospital, and averaged during the past year with the head nurse and assistant thirty-four and one quarter. The pupils remain in the hospital for one year and pursue their studies and daily routine of work under the superintendence of the head nurse. Each nurse is assigned to one ward or department for several weeks, and in the course of a year has studied surgical, medical, and obstetrical nursing, and also the preparation of special dishes suitable for invalids and convalescents. Symptom records are kept which enable the physician to ascertain the varied phases of the disease, since he last saw the patient.

At the close of the year of study the nurse has a vacation of one month, and then returns to take for six months each cases of private practice as shall be assigned to her. Her home is in the hospital, when her services are not called for elsewhere, and the school pays for all the nurses there in excess of the number allowed.

The hospital authorities appreciate most highly the advantages of having this school established here. Those who enter it either have a special gift for nursing or, with a true spirit of self-sacrifice, have devoted themselves to the noble work of ministering to others ; consequently the duties of that department are performed more faithfully and more skillfully than in former years, when it was thought that strength was the only requisite in a nurse.

Those wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the secretary of the school, when, if approved by the executive committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the hospital. The candidates must be over twenty-three and under forty years of age, and must present a certificate from a clergyman and physician as to their good moral character and sound health. They will be received for one month on probation and without compensation.

Information concerning the school will be furnished by the president, vice-president, or other members of the executive committee.

Pupils are received from any State.

Applications for admission should be made as early as possible to the Secretary, Mrs. Chas. B. Richards, 42 Elm street, New Haven.

Physicians or others in any part of the State desiring to secure the services of trained nurses for men or women, medical or surgical patients, should apply by telegraph or letter, stating the nature of the case, to the Superintendent of Nursing, New Haven Hospital.

The price per week for services of a trained nurse is \$12.00, unless two members of the family are ill at the same time, when there will be a slight additional charge. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the public that it is more economical and safer for the patient to employ a reliable nurse, than to indulge in a natural but misplaced sentiment, which sacrifices the strength of an entire family in the care of one invalid member.

Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

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For the Year 1886.

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The board of directors has the honor herewith to present to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut its sixtieth annual report as prepared by the prudential committee :

The daily average of patients has been $113\frac{7}{8}$; the total number under treatment 897. This is the largest number treated in any one year since 1874 when the change in the admission of soldier patients was established. It is more by 35 than in 1885, the daily average then being but $105\frac{7}{8}$, and more by 24 than in 1884, though the daily average that year was $115\frac{3}{8}$.

Seven hundred and eighty-six (786) new patients were admitted, as against 728 in 1885, and 748 in 1884. They have come from 23 different towns and villages of the State, as against 18 in both 1884 and 1885. The Hospital is therefore apparently recovering from the falling off of last year, and this shows that the policy of the management in advising the removal of soldiers not needing treatment to the Home at Norton (which has this year been enlarged) does not interfere with its prosperity; that its usefulness is extending; and that its reputation attracts those having need of such care from a wider circuit.

The movement of patients has not been quite so active as in 1885, the average stay in the Hospital of each being $8\frac{7}{8}$ weeks as against $6\frac{7}{8}$ weeks then, while in 1884 it was $8\frac{1}{4}$ weeks.

The financial exhibit this year also shows an improvement over that of last, the excess of current expenses over earnings being \$6,211. $\frac{5}{8}$ against \$8,743. $\frac{11}{16}$ last year. This reduction has taken place mainly during the last half of the year. For the first six months the expenses incident to the removal of the Superintendent to the house built for his use had to be met; these consisted in painting and rearranging the quarters for the house staff, apothecary and housekeeper.

During the last six months a reduction in the working force was made; with the approval of the medical board, the house diet table was revised; the physicians on duty restricted the especial diet to the lowest limit consistent with the well-doing of the sick; a reduction in the price of beef was obtained; and seconded by the superintendent and housekeeper a more rigid

economy was practiced in the kitchen, until the last quarter shows an actual reduction of expenses to nearly \$200 below current receipts; the first time in the knowledge of any of the present management that such a result has been obtained. This would not be the case, however, if the due proportion of the coal bill, about \$800, were charged to this quarter's expenses, nor true if be lost sight of that there have been no considerable expenses for repairs to which we are always exposed.

The average weekly cost of supporting each patient was \$4.91½ as against \$7.12½ in 1863, but this is still larger than in any year since 1878, as is shown in the last report.

The cost of food alone per day for each inmate was 28½ cents; last year it was 28½ cents, practically the same; in 1884 it was 27½ cents, or less than one cent less.

The proportion of attendants of all kinds to patients was somewhat less this year, being 73½ attendants to 113½ patients, while last year it was 76 attendants to 105½ patients.

Owing to the exertions of the last Chairman of the Prudential Committee the rate paid by the State for the care of its soldier patients was raised from \$5.50 to \$6.00 a week, taking effect on the 1st of April. This has brought an increase in our receipts of \$365, though we still lose 10½ cents per week apiece on this class of patients. The only patients from whom we derive any net pecuniary profit are the U. S. Marine patients, who pay \$7 per week, and self-paying patients occupying private rooms, who pay about \$12 per week, all others are taken at an actual loss to the Hospital.

The following table shows approximately the gains and losses on each class of patients during the past year:

Class of Patients.	Rate per week.	No. of weeks in Hospital.	Gain or loss cost duty per week.	Amount.
U. S. Marine patients.....	\$7	218½	8.875	\$ 16.28
Self-paying patients in Private Rooms	12	188½	8.875	857.54
				211.51
Self-paying patients in Wards.....	6	304½	Loss per week .015	836.47
State soldier patients to April 1st...	5.50	241	1.425	842.92
State soldier patients after April 1st.	6	1126½	.725	1645.81
Town patients.....	4	2822½	2.925	2450.
\$78½ less \$1000 State appropriation				2450.
Charity patients.....		24½	4.525	247.39
				5821.39
Defect gain.....				802.67
Net loss.....				6847.74
Free Bed patients.....		226.	2.115	802.00
				\$2549.95

From this it is seen that the State is a debtor to the Hospital of nearly \$1,000 for the care of the soldier patients. There is no justice in this tax remaining upon the Hospital and the charitable people of New Haven when the law which assumes to care for them expressly states that "the expense * * * shall be defrayed by the State." The rate should be sufficient to save the Hospital from this absolute loss.

The difficulty with regard to Town patients is greater, as is also the loss. The State appropriation of \$5,000 is given ostensibly to cover the conceded loss in caring for this class—the table just given shows that it fails to do so this year by nearly \$2,300, and last year it was over \$4,500. The advisability of increasing the rate is worthy of consideration.

The Treasurer informally states that 5% is about the average interest on invested funds. The weekly income from each full Free Bed is therefore about \$4.88. When a free bed is occupied, costing this year \$6.92½ per week, the Hospital therefore loses about \$2.12½ in every week so occupied. This year by the above estimate the whole free bed fund earned \$2,087½, but these beds were occupied to the amount, at cost, of \$2,943½, so that the actual profit to the Hospital on funds representing \$57,080 was but \$424½. While not wishing in the slightest to make an adverse criticism as to the good accomplished and suffering relieved by this form of charity, it is to be considered whether from a financial point of view it would not be well to raise the amount for the endowment of a free bed in future.

The necessity for a reduction in the expenses of the Laundry became so apparent, that it was determined to substitute machinery for hand-labor, provided funds could be obtained by subscription to cover the expense. Over \$1,400 has been subscribed, and the machinery is to be ordered immediately.

The interest which the Board of Visitors has taken in the work of inspection and kindly suggestion has been active and of the most practical character, as shown in the fact that finding the cooking apparatus not adequate, nor of the most suitable description, they assumed the labor of raising funds to purchase steam-cooking utensils, and as the result have deposited \$200 with the Treasurer for that purpose. The utensils are ordered. The steam is to be supplied from the high pressure boiler put in in 1884.

The great advantage of the ventilating apparatus continues to be demonstrated in the freedom from infectious surgical diseases

formerly not very infrequent—thus far not a single case of erysipelas has originated in the surgical service of the Hospital since the system went into full operation.

On request, the Fire Commissioners have replaced the private fire alarm box taken out several years ago; the Hospital is now in direct communication with the general fire alarm service instead of through the medium of one of the station houses—the box is number 152.

In evidence of the increasing interest which the citizens of New Haven take in the Hospital is to be mentioned that the New Haven Grays have in connection with a committee of citizens started a project for a Clarity Ball in February, the net proceeds of which are to be given to the Hospital. It is hoped that the community will second this very liberal and praiseworthy effort on the part of one of the most popular organizations in the city.

The funds for the W. O. Armstrong free bed referred to in the last report have been paid in this year. A free bed has also been established in memory of Mary Webster Southgate Trowbridge by her daughter Mrs. Silas E. Burroughs and two free beds of \$2,500 each have been given for Dwight Place Church and Trinity Church.

The balance of cash on hand and in bank after paying all bills is \$118.45, exclusive of \$2,393 deposited to date with Treasurer as the Hospital Sunday contributions for 1887. This balance does not include any of the permanent or Free Bed fund, all of which with the addition of about \$20 has been invested. Neither does it include the "special improvement" fund of which a separate account is kept in bank, as follows:

Balance from old account.....	\$433.55
Donations for laundry improvements.....	727.60
Deposited by Board of Visitors for steam cooking apparatus....	306.89
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	\$1468.04

The Board of Lady Visitors have made regular and frequent visits to the Hospital, and their report, which will be submitted to you, contains references to matters that will receive careful consideration. The patients were kindly remembered on Thanksgiving day and Christmas by many charitable friends contributing liberally to their comfort and pleasure. We beg in their behalf to thank the generous donors, and also to bear witness to our appreciation of the kindness of the clergymen who have held religious services in the chapel.

The nursing force of the Conn. Training School under the efficient direction of Miss L. M. Croemer has been satisfactory to the medical staff, and although there have been times when the number of nurses was less than that allowed by their agreement with the Hospital, no complaint has reached the Prudential Committee from either side.

We take pleasure in testifying to the uniform faithfulness and good judgment of the Superintendent. His duties are often very trying and are always of great responsibility.

At the quarterly meeting of the Directors in April a statement of the progress of the Hospital in the last six years was read by Mr. Farnam, the late Chairman of the Prudential Committee. It was ordered to be "referred to the Prudential Committee for their use in preparing a resumé of the progress of the Hospital during the past few years to be published with the next annual report."

At the beginning of 1880 the Hospital had a debt of four thousand dollars. Now it is entirely free from debt. Its funds at that time in the hands of the Treasurer aggregated \$29,000 with an income of \$1,200. Its funds now amount to \$60,400 and yielded an income during the year 1886 of \$3,124.40. The number of free beds in 1880 was five; we now have ten full and three partial free beds. The average number of patients in 1883 was 81; in 1886 it was 110.

Our reports of a few years ago had a good deal to say about a guarantee fund, which was to be drawn upon in case of a loss which could not be met in any other way. One of the best signs of the progress of the Hospital during the past six years is the fact that the guarantee fund is no longer mentioned in our annual reports, and has, in fact, been entirely lost sight of, simply because the necessity for calling upon it has not arisen. We have, it is true, been running the Hospital at a steady loss if we compare simply our current earnings with our current expenses, but the income from our slowly increasing permanent fund, together with the donations of Hospital Sunday, and special gifts made from time to time, have saved the Hospital from debt and enabled it to hold its own.

The Hospital is far from being as well endowed as it should be, and its appliances are barely adequate for the work that it has to do. But it is encouraging to see that while the demands upon it have been steadily increasing at a rapid rate, the people of New

Haven have shown their appreciation of its utility by supporting it and enabling it to meet these increased demands. The fact that during the four years past five full and three partial free beds have been given spontaneously and without solicitation, that we were able to raise without great exertions the sum of \$3,675 for special improvements in 1885; that over \$1,700 has recently been raised for the new laundry and cooking apparatus, and that during the past seven years no less than \$28,727.21 has been given by the public in Hospital Sunday collections, or on an average \$3,296.74 a year; shows how strong a hold it has upon the community.

With the increasing demands upon the institution, it has been necessary to do a good deal besides raising funds for current expenses. It was found that on certain classes of patients we were losing large sums of money needlessly. This was particularly the case with soldier patients who were paid for by the State at the rate of only \$4.50 a week, when it costs us more than \$6.50 a week to care for them. Four years ago (in 1883) an application was made to the Soldiers' Hospital Board, under the administration of Governor Waller, for an increase in the rates, and they were then raised to \$5.50 a week. In 1886 another application for an increase was made and the rates were then raised to \$5.00 a week, a sum which, though it does not fully compensate us for the care of these patients, certainly relieves us from a very large burden which we had to bear before this change.

As the patients increased in numbers, great difficulty was found in the system of ventilation. Our report for 1880 said on this subject, "In the present condition of the Hospital buildings the great defect encountered is the inefficiency of our system of ventilation. In the cold season, when windows must be closed, it is a very difficult, in fact impossible, task to keep the wards east and west supplied with warm and fresh air. The Prudential Committee, after struggling with the problem for the past few months, have no solution to offer. They can only insist on the presence of the evil and have asked the directors to refer it to an expert."

We are glad to say that in the year 1885 a new system of ventilation, the details of which are given in the report of that year, was introduced and the air of the Hospital is now much better than ever before, as shown by the almost entire absence of erysipelas cases since it went into operation.

The increase in the number of patients has also made it necessary to largely increase the nursing force and to add one physician to the house staff. The average number of nurses in 1880 was 18, while in 1884 it was 32½. We have also been obliged to give the Superintendent an assistant in his office. The effect of this increase in the staff was to greatly crowd the administration part of the old building, necessitating additional room. This was gained in 1884 by erecting a small frame house for the Superintendent at the northern end of the old Hospital building. In this way greater privacy and comfort for the Superintendent's family has been secured, while at the same time the use of four rooms on the first story of the main building has greatly facilitated the work of the Hospital. This new building has been paid for partly out of the special improvement fund and partly out of the general funds.

All things considered, we feel that the Hospital is not only growing in prosperity and efficiency, but also in popularity and in its hold upon the community.

There are many improvements that still remain to be made; there is already demand for additional accommodations for patients, and there is great need of more convenient accident and operating rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CARMALT,	}	<i>President</i>
THOMAS BOOKER,		
ELI WHITNEY, JR.,		

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

To the Board of Directors of the New Haven Hospital:

GENTLEMEN:—I enclose the Medical Report for the year 1886.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL D. GILBERT, M.D.,

Secretary Med. Board.

MEDICAL CASES TREATED IN 1886.

Abcess, hepatic	1	Epilepsia	1
Albuminuria, acute	24	Erysipelas	1
Anemia	5	Febriola	3
" anæmic	1	Fever, intermittent	18
" typhoid	1	" typhoid	17
Angina, pectoris	1	Gastralgia	2
Angina pectoris	2	Gastritis, acute	1
Aortic regurgitation	2	" chronic	2
" aortic	1	" subacute	3
" and tricuspid regurgitation	1	Gout, chronic	1
Asymetrical poisoning	1	Hæmaturia	1
Arthritis, rheumatoid	2	Hæmiplegia	3
Asthma	1	Hæmorrhage, cerebral	2
" asthmatic	1	Hysteria	2
" bronchitic	2	Insolation	1
" hemorrhagic	2	Intestinal obstruction, acute	1
" subacute	2	Lead colic	1
" chronic	4	" poisoning, chronic	2
Cancer, impaction of	1	Malform. cardiac	18
" of stomach	1	Malngery	2
Cardiac failure	2	Malaria, acute	1
" weakness	2	Metastases and nervous exhaustion	1
" anæmic	2	Mitral regurgitation	3
" and vascular disease	1	" chronic	1
Cephalalgia	1	Muscular atrophy, progressive	1
Cerebral congestion	1	Myalgia	7
Cirrhosis of liver	1	Myelitis	2
Croup, diphtheritic	1	Nephritis, acute diffuse	3
Croup, chronic	2	" chronic	1
Croup, membranous	1	Nervægia	1
Diphtheria, general	5	" of head	1
Dysphagia, acute	1	" intercostal	2
" chronic	2	Neurasthenia	6
Dysentery, acute	2	Neuritis, multiple	1
" chronic	1	Ocular poisoning	1
Eczema, acute	1	Paralysis	1
" chronic	5	Paraplegia	2

<i>Peritonitis, acute</i>	1	<i>Hæmation, chronic articular</i>	40
<i>Peritonitis chronic</i>	1	<i>sub-acute</i>	11
<i>Pharyngitis</i>	1	<i>Scabies</i>	6
<i>Phthisis</i>	26	<i>Scalds</i>	3
<i>Placenta, acute</i>	2	<i>Spinal hyperæmia</i>	1
<i>in coarctated</i>	1	<i>Stomatitis</i>	1
<i>Pleuritis, subacute</i>	1	<i>Syphilis</i>	1
<i>Pneumonia</i>	1	<i>Syphilis (secondary)</i>	1
<i>Pneumothorax</i>	11	<i>Tenonitis, acute</i>	4
<i>Pregnancy</i>	18	<i>Typhoid</i>	2
<i>Premature birth</i>	2		
<i>Rheumatism, acute articular</i>	14	<i>Total</i>	429

NUMBER OF BIRTHS.

<i>February</i>	1	<i>November</i>	1
<i>April</i>	1	<i>December</i>	3
<i>May</i>	2		
<i>July</i>	2	<i>Total</i>	12
<i>August</i>	2		

Prepared by LOUIS H. COOPER, M.D., House Physician.

SURGICAL CASES TREATED IN 1886.

<i>Abandon of scalp and ear (complete)</i>	1	<i>Cartilage, floating, in knee joint</i>	1
<i>Abcession of skin</i>	1	<i>Cataract</i>	9
<i>Abcesses of arils</i>	1	<i>Chancroid</i>	2
<i>back</i>	1	<i>and paraproctitis</i>	1
<i>gluteal region</i>	4	<i>pharynx</i>	1
<i>lip</i>	1	<i>Chenosis exulativa</i>	1
<i>leg</i>	1	<i>Cleft palate</i>	2
<i>neck</i>	1	<i>Contracture of eyelids</i>	1
<i>penis</i>	4	<i>Ciliary neuralgia</i>	1
<i>penis and gonorrhoea</i>	1	<i>Corrosion, cervical</i>	3
<i>pleura</i>	1	<i>spinal</i>	3
<i>scrotum</i>	1	<i>Coughing, convuls</i>	1
<i>scaly</i>	1	<i>Congestive</i>	1
<i>thigh</i>	1	<i>pusulent</i>	3
<i>thoracic wall and necrosis</i>	1	<i>Contracture of finger and thumb</i>	1
<i>throat</i>	1	<i>Contracture of arm</i>	1
<i>Aneurysms</i>	1	<i>eye</i>	1
<i>Arthritis of knee</i>	2	<i>and delirium tremens</i>	1
<i>rhizoid of knee</i>	2	<i>eye</i>	1
<i>Bow-legs</i>	1	<i>chest</i>	2
<i>Bites</i>	3	<i>back</i>	1
<i>Burns</i>	4	<i>thigh</i>	1
<i>of foot</i>	1	<i>Croup, membranous (tracheotomy)</i>	2
<i>of hand</i>	1	<i>Crush of foot</i>	1
<i>Calculus, vesical</i>	2	<i>leg</i>	1
<i>and rectal fistula</i>	1	<i>both legs</i>	1
<i>Carcinoma of neck</i>	1	<i>left leg</i>	1
<i>Caries of inferior maxilla</i>	1	<i>right leg and left foot</i>	1
<i>wrist joint</i>	1	<i>and scaly wounds</i>	1
<i>elbow</i>	1	<i>thumb</i>	1
<i>head of metacarpus</i>	1	<i>foot</i>	1
<i>rib</i>	1	<i>Cystitis</i>	2

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ETHICAL OPERATIONS 12, 1985

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CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1884.

Abcess, hepatic.....	1	Fever, rheumatic.....	1
Alcoholism, acute.....	1	" typhoid.....	8
Anaemia, acute and fatal poisoning.....	1	" cerebral.....	1
Aortic regurgitation.....	2	Fracture of leg.....	1
Asthma.....	1	" skull.....	1
Birth, premature.....	1	Hæmophilia.....	1
Brucella, respiratory and hemiplegia.....	1	Hæmorrhoids (extensive).....	1
Burns of body.....	2	Material necrosis.....	1
Caldes, vesical.....	1	Mitral regurgitation and bright col- ours.....	3
Carcinoma of maxilla.....	1	Mind, dementia.....	1
Cardiac disease.....	1	Nervous of elbow (extremities).....	1
" infarct.....	2	" stomach and pylorus.....	1
" (occlusion of coronary artery).....	1	Nephritis, chronic diffuse.....	2
" leues.....	1	Opium poisoning.....	1
Cerebral hæmorrhage.....	1	Painful and pleuritic.....	1
" paralytic.....	1	Phthisis.....	29
" softening.....	1	Pneumonia.....	6
Croup, diphtheritic.....	1	Pyæmia.....	2
" serpiginous.....	2	Retention of urine and gangrene.....	1
Crushed leg.....	1	Sarcoma of neck.....	1
Debility, traumatic.....	1	Septicæmia.....	1
Dermatitis, bed-sores and trunk, thigh.....	1	Stricture of urethra.....	1
Dysentery.....	1	" urethra (exhaustion).....	1
Epilepsy.....	1	Urtica.....	1
Epididymitis of testis.....	1		
Erysipelas.....	1	Total.....	24
Exanthematous (scarlatina).....	1		

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., January 20, 1887.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith respectfully submit the sixtieth annual report of receipts and disbursements, number of patients in Hospital, and other items of information.

The number of patients remaining in the Hospital December 31st, 1886, was 111—80 males, and 31 females; admitted during the year 1886, 747—501 males, 246 females; making a total of 897 under treatment. Of this number 397 were discharged cured, 225 improved, 12 unimproved, 38 died, and 110 remained under treatment December 31st, 1886. There were 17 births—5 males and 12 females; also one still birth.

The whole number of weeks occupied was 5,018½, of which 2,429½ were occupied by charity patients, or those not paying full rates.

The patients admitted came from 35 different towns and villages in this State, and 10 other States or countries; 398 were residents of the town of New Haven.

The largest number of patients any one day was 127; the smallest 87; the daily average 113½. The attendants and other inmates averaged 75½, making a total of 189½; of these 32½ were nurses of the Training School.

The current receipts or earnings, less amount refunded to patients, were \$35,327.77; the current expenses were \$41,539.67; excess of expenses over receipts, \$6,211.90.

The average cost of supporting each patient was \$6.92½ per week.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

THE SUPERINTENDENT IS ACCOUNT WITH GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

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1886. To amounts received:	
From Balance.....	\$ 14.14
U. S. Marine patients.....	1,525.00
State soldier patients.....	8,908.25
Town patients.....	33,942.86
Self-paying patients in wards.....	5,326.45
" in private rooms.....	2,358.39
State appropriation.....	5,800.00
Board.....	874.75
Sales.....	281.69
Surplus.....	5.85
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	\$55,800.83
Fire Insurance.....	22.19
Orders on Treasurer, General Account.....	28,509.05
Special Improvement Account.....	163.78
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	\$18,806.79

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1886. To amount expended:

For Flour, 5,600 lbs.,	\$ 133.60
Meat and Lard, 4,654 lbs.,	152.75
Dried and Chickens, 44,732 lbs.,	1,315.00
Eggs,	702.80
Butter, 7,144 lbs.,	1,771.00
Chico, 545 lbs.,	71.48
Milk, 50,114 lbs.,	6,556.79
Poultry, 7,144 lbs.,	3,713.51
Fish and Oysters, 10,850 lbs.,	1,178.45
Vegetables and Fruit,	1,475.95
Eggs, 4,810 lbs.,	2,143.45
Greases,	1,414.78
Milk, 70,203 lbs.,	3,363.50
Ice, 199,180 lbs.,	283.24
Liquors,	329.35
Alc and Beer,	710.71
Medicines,	1,534.64
Instruments,	416.07
Surgical Dressings,	941.71
Fuel,	3,176.92
Gas, 100,400 ft.,	1,104.52
Water,	176.00
Pantries and Crockery,	407.39
Cheese and Baking,	468.39
Repairs and Improvements,	2,178.83
Postage, Printing and Stationery,	285.81
Exp and Extra Expenses,	511.37
Tolls,	24.38
Salaries and Wages,	8,889.14
Potatoes and Soap,	218.27
Insurance,	339.60
Smoking,	947.01
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	\$41,529.67
Fire repairs,	35.10
Special improvements,	2,000.00
Refunded by patients,	535.70
Deposited with Treasurer,	30,205.94
Balance,	90.87
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	\$74,006.17

Total current hospital expenses, \$41,529.67

Less board of Superintendent's family, 502.71

\$40,976.96

Number of weeks of hospital care, 5,518.

Cost per week per patient, 6.99

Total cost of food, 19,026.78

Average daily number of inmates, 189.

Cost of food per day per inmate, 29.5

Respectfully,

JOHN H. STARKWEATHER,

Superintendent.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males	Females	Total
Remaining in hospital Dec. 31, 1885	98	31	129
Admitted during 1886	541	225	766
Total	641	256	897
Of this number there have been discharges:			
Cured	284	112	396
Improved	152	39	191
Unimproved	40	10	50
Died	72	24	96
	548	225	773
Remaining under treatment Dec. 31, 1886	97	31	128
Total	645	256	901

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS.

FROM JANUARY 1, 1886, TO DECEMBER 31, 1886.

January	31	August	12
February	45	September	45
March	35	October	43
April	65	November	30
May	46	December	59
June	59		
July	45	Total	765

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males	Females	Total
Under 15 years	33	18	51
From 15 to 20 years	15	10	25
" 20 to 25 "	151	22	173
" 25 to 30 "	99	22	121
" 30 to 35 "	106	31	137
" 35 to 40 "	54	14	68
" 40 to 45 "	42	17	59
" 45 to 50 "	16	8	24
" 50 to 55 "	2	1	3
Total	541	225	766

TIME OCCUPIED BY THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF PATIENTS.

U. S. Marine patients,.....	7199	weeks,
State Soldier patients,.....	1,813	"
Texas patients,.....	2,693	"
Self-paying patients, in wards,.....	5627	"
private rooms,.....	143	"
Free bed patients,.....	2204	"
Charity patients,.....	744	"
Total,.....	3,9191	"

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

Austria,.....	1	Germany,.....	18	Sweden,.....	8
Bavaria,.....	1	Hungary,.....	2	Switzerland,.....	2
Canada,.....	3	Ireland,.....	152	Scotland,.....	22
Denmark,.....	2	Italy,.....	13	United States,.....	443
England,.....	24	Nova Scotia,.....	4	Wales,.....	2
Finland,.....	2	Norway,.....	4	Unknown,.....	2
France,.....	8	Russia,.....	2		
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REPRESENTATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN CONNECTICUT.

In the Hospital during the Year ending December 31, 1896.

Ansonia.....	25	Guilford,.....	1	Moodus.....	1
Bethany.....	2	Groby.....	1	Morris.....	2
Berlin.....	2	Guilford,.....	4	Newtown.....	5
Birmingham.....	19	Hamden.....	12	New Canaan.....	1
Bristol.....	6	Hartford.....	5	New Britain.....	6
Bridgewater.....	7	Hartford.....	1	New Hartford.....	1
Cheshire.....	2	Hartford.....	1	New Haven.....	212
Canaan.....	3	Hartford.....	1	Seymour.....	1
Colchester.....	1	Hartford.....	2	New London.....	5
Columbia.....	2	Kew-Forest.....	1	New Milford.....	2
Cromwell.....	1	Kent.....	1	New Preston.....	1
Danbury.....	2	Killingworth.....	1	Northford.....	1
Darien.....	3	Leeds Island.....	3	North Haven.....	7
Deep River.....	1	Lane Rock.....	1	Northford.....	2
Derby.....	6	Litchfield.....	2	Northford.....	1
Durham.....	1	Madison.....	1	Northford.....	7
Easton.....	2	Meriden.....	26	Orange.....	2
Fair Haven.....	12	Midland.....	2	Oxford.....	1
Farmington.....	1	Milltown.....	8	Plainville.....	1
Glastonbury.....	1	Midford.....	5	Plymouth.....	1
Glenville.....	1	Myers Bridge.....	1	Pomfret.....	1

Portland.....	5	Stafford.....	3	Warren.....	2
Prism.....	1	Stamford.....	2	Waterbury.....	77
Rockville.....	1	Stentford.....	1	Westbrook.....	1
Rosbury.....	7	Taftsville.....	1	West Haven.....	4
Saugus.....	1	Taftsville.....	1	Westport.....	3
Sharon.....	1	Thompson.....	2	Windsor.....	3
Shelton.....	6	Thompsonville.....	1	Winsted Locks.....	1
Shoreville.....	2	Torrington.....	5	Winsted.....	4
Southington.....	11	Unionville.....	1	Woodfield.....	7
South Norwalk.....	1	Wallingford.....	12	Woodbury.....	2

OCCUPATION.

Labors.....	3	Harness makers.....	2	Rubber workers.....	2
Ironworkers.....	11	Hansenboer.....	1	Rail maker.....	1
Bar-bender.....	1	Hunters.....	4	Shoe maker.....	1
Blacksmith.....	16	Hampden.....	77	Sawmill grinder.....	1
Brakesmen.....	11	Hill-drummer.....	1	Seamstress.....	1
Driver.....	1	Jeweler.....	1	Seamen.....	41
Infant.....	2	Jeweler.....	1	Serrano.....	4
Ironworkers.....	3	Jack dealer.....	1	Shoemakers.....	6
Rocking-chair.....	1	Labors.....	102	Shoemaker.....	6
Cabinet maker.....	1	Landowners.....	5	Silk worker.....	1
Carpenters.....	18	Liverymen.....	1	Solicitors.....	2
Carriage makers.....	2	Locksmiths.....	2	Stage carpenter.....	1
Carriage palatons.....	3	Machinists.....	6	Silver plater.....	1
Carriage trimmers.....	4	Manufacturers.....	1	Spinner.....	1
Clerks.....	14	Masons.....	3	Stone cutters.....	5
Clock maker.....	1	Mechanical engineers.....	2	Students.....	2
Cooks.....	7	Merriman.....	4	Swickham R. R.....	2
Croakers.....	7	Merriman.....	2	Tenasters.....	1
Copper worker.....	1	Milham.....	1	Telegraph operator.....	1
Conductor R. R.....	1	Mobility.....	15	Thambs.....	2
Dentists.....	4	Monument setter.....	1	Trackmen R. R.....	2
Electrician.....	1	Needle maker.....	1	Upholsterer.....	1
Electrician.....	1	Nurse.....	1	Varnishers.....	1
Engineers.....	2	Painters.....	20	Veterinary Surgeon.....	1
Farmers.....	24	Paper makers.....	7	Wagon maker.....	1
Factory girls.....	2	Pattern maker.....	1	Walter.....	1
Fishermen.....	1	Podder.....	1	Watson.....	2
Fishermen.....	3	Piano-maker.....	1	Wickham.....	2
Fishermen.....	2	Plumbers.....	6	Winters.....	1
Gardeners.....	5	Polishers.....	4	Wire worker.....	1
Grinder.....	1	Printer.....	1	Wire drawers.....	1
Grocers.....	3	Printers.....	2	Wood choppers.....	1
Grasshopper.....	3	Professor.....	1	Wood artist.....	1
Clark drivers.....	2	Quarry men.....	2	Water boy R. R.....	1

DONATIONS

RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR 1885.

Subscribers have kindly furnished the hospital with the New Haven Daily Palladium, the New Haven Daily Journal and Courier, the New Haven Daily Register, the New Haven Daily Times and the New Haven Morning News. A friend has also subscribed for the Independent.

BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND PAPERS.

Frank S. Minor, Mrs. Henry Parsons, Mrs. Jas. G. English, Chas. H. Webb, Leonard S. Hutchins, Mrs. Martha J. Lusk, Mrs. Schaefer, Hugh Smith, Mrs. W. G. Little, Mrs. L. J. Beebe, James T. Kelsey, Mrs. John Hutchinson, Miss E. Burroughs, Mrs. J. S. Beach, W. B. Fenn, Mrs. Horace Fitch, Mrs. F. A. Gilbert, Miss F. W. Fellows, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Selma Hall, A. H. Robertson, Mrs. L. A. Williams, Mrs. Henry Enslay, Prof. Newton, Edward Kruse, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. C. E. King (Dorcy), Mrs. R. J. Miner, Julius Halter, Mrs. M. J. McDermott, Mrs. J. D. Peck, W. L. Kingsley, Anna Spearman, H. H. Ellis, Daniel Trumbidge, Mrs. S. W. Hewins, Mrs. F. R. Hunt, Mrs. M. E. Sanford, Dr. J. W. Palmer, Mrs. Harriette, Mrs. Morris F. Tyler, Mrs. Henry White, Mrs. M. E. Hale, Mrs. A. S. Downes, Mrs. M. A. Case, May Trumbidge Deason, Mrs. F. E. Morgan, Mrs. Swift, A. Thel, F. S. Bradley, Downes News Co., Wilbur F. Day, Mrs. S. H. Case, Mrs. Noble, John K. Beach, Mrs. Jonathan Ingersoll, C. M. Loomis, J. H. Pej Trinity Church.

Clothes, Old Lace and Old Corsets.

Mrs. E. B. Brown, Mrs. O. S. Perry, Mrs. W. D. Smith, Mrs. James O. English, Mrs. Chas. M. Hawkes, Mrs. Evans, Miss Susan V. Hutchins, Mrs. B. Healy, Mrs. S. M. Everett, Rev. C. H. Williams, Mrs. H. J. Miner, Miss Mason, F. F. Lewis, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. H. G. Little, Mrs. S. A. Thompson, Mrs. Trumbidge, Mrs. S. R. Downes, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. C. C. Chalker, Mrs. J. B. Brown, Miss Bedford, Mrs. J. H. Rowarth, Mrs. Geo. Shattuck, Mrs. Schuch, Rev. F. Solomon, Mrs. H. E. O. Pusey, T. P. Merwin, Mrs. E. L. Landert, Mrs. Wm. A. Reynolds, Mrs. Atwood, Mrs. Joseph R. Sheffield, S. H. Hawley, Mrs. J. B. Sargent, Mrs. C. E. Brown, Miss K. Dickey, Mrs. J. D. Whisler, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. E. D. Page, Mrs. Ann S. Parsons, Mrs. Chatfield, Mrs. Dexter, Mrs. F. B. Hawley, Mrs. Bassett, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Leonard S. Hutchins, Miss Gibbons, Mrs. Harriet Fitch, Mrs. H. E. Harrison, Mrs. Geo. Day, Mrs. Dickerman, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Ed Whitney, Jr., Mrs. Edward Stevens, Mrs. Samuel Denagway, Miss Lucy

Bradley, Mrs. E. W. Whitney, Mrs. F. A. Gilbert, John Kramer, Mrs. Samuel Fuller, Miss Carrington, Mrs. C. Peck, Mrs. John Kiley, Mrs. E. K. Burroughs, Mrs. Hulson, Mrs. J. Hume, Miss Botchkins, Miss King, Mrs. E. H. Trowbridge, Prof. Newton, Mrs. York, Mrs. Timothy Cowles, Mrs. M. E. Williams, Mrs. E. C. Reed, Mrs. C. A. Schaff, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Miller, Col. J. Holston, Mrs. Swift, E. Hewitt, Mrs. E. L. Fairchild, Mrs. Hayes Trowbridge, M. F. Tyler, H. E. Harrison, Mrs. J. E. Kain, Mrs. John Bishop, Wm. Bookley, Miss J. Beecher, E. Blake, Mrs. Chapman, Capt. Henry Frank E. Wiley, Eli Whitney, Jr., G. G. Warner, Dwight Place Church Home Mission Society, Young Ladies Mission Circle of the United Church, Ladies' Benevolent Society of Danversport Church, Hospital Aid Society, Our Society, United Society, 16 packages from unknown friends, Church of the Redeemer.

FRUIT AND FLOWERS.

Rev. M. K. Bailey, Mrs. B. H. Knott, O. G. Warner, Mrs. J. E. Sargent, Mrs. H. B. Tammis, Mrs. Chadfield, Miss Ruby Street, Miss Farnham, John D. Collins, Mrs. F. H. Parker, Mrs. Geo. H. Rodgers, Mrs. Wainwright, Mrs. Reed, S. M. Strong, Mrs. E. C. Reed, Mt. Bergen United Church S. S., Mrs. Parlin's School, Flower Committee Church of the Ascension 1,268 bouquets.

FOR TRANSCENDING AND CHRISTMAS.

Miss Ingersoll, 1 egg; Mrs. R. B. Everett, 3 chickens; Mr. Schepher, 2 chickens; Rev. Mr. McKim, 1 peck cantaloupes; Mrs. W. F. Trowbridge, 1 bushel plums, oranges and cards; turkey from Mrs. F. P. Olson, Miss Lillie P. Parker, Dr. T. H. Bishop, Rev. W. McKim, Robert Morgan, Mrs. E. H. Trowbridge, Mrs. E. H. Everett, A Friend; Mrs. Henry Farnum, \$50; Dr. George B. Farnum, \$15; Rev. H. W. Farnum, \$14; Mrs. H. McKim, \$5; Mrs. Wm. O. Robinson, \$1; N. S. Fairfield, books and toys.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Miss Susan V. Hatchkins, 14 pair salvers; Dr. W. H. Carnack, 1 vol. Simon's Surgery; Mrs. Trowbridge, invalid feeding table; Miss Dehlin, 1 stained picture; A Friend, 2 trusses; Mrs. F. E. Morgan, needle box and table; Mrs. E. E. Burroughs, bronze memorial tablet; Mrs. Jonathan Ingersoll, silver bottle; Mrs. Bailey, scrap book; Mrs. Eliza Mulligan, medicine bottles; Mrs. H. E. Parker, 2 jars jelly; Miss Alice M. Nash, valentines for the children; Miss May T. Deane, books and dolls; Johnny and Lillie Hox, toys and candy; Mrs. Brown, 2 glass jars.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS.

MEMORANDA OF COLLECTIONS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH AND
10TH, 1896.

From Wm. L. Andrews, New York.....	\$ 25.00
German L. R. Trinity Church.....	71.25
United Church.....	200.00
Congregational Church (Westville).....	18.00
Mrs. Theodora M. Deater.....	25.00
Church of the Redeemer.....	25.00
Dwight Place Church.....	10.00
Edward S. Dana.....	10.00
Mrs. Jane K. Wells.....	50.00
St. Thomas's Church.....	100.00
Grace Church.....	15.00
J. H. T. Chamberlain.....	1.00
Taylor Congregational Church.....	3.50
Church of the Messiah.....	4.50
First Church (Center).....	7,893.85
Trinity Church.....	554.11
St. James's Church (Westville).....	5.00
Congregational Church (Seymour).....	9.20
Howard Avenue Congregational Church.....	12.50
St. John's Episcopal Church.....	5.00
First Church (Fair Haven).....	31.00
Wells Branch.....	19.00
Church of the Redeemer.....	281.00
Christ Church (Guthrie).....	11.50
Danvers Church.....	121.00
St. Paul's Church.....	64.39
Trinity Chapel.....	8.00
Congregation Mikhas Israel.....	113.34
Congregational Church (North Haven).....	22.00
Congregation Israel Shalom.....	11.75
Sabbath School Congregation Mikhas Israel.....	2.49
First Baptist Church.....	40.28
First M. E. Church.....	52.75
D. B. Criswell & Co.....	25.00
Second Congregational Church (Fair Haven).....	13.75
Hungary Street Church.....	61.46
Trinity M. E. Church.....	40.00
Birmingham Congregational Church.....	10.50
Congregational Church and Society (West Haven).....	10.00
College Street Church.....	16.85
Calvary Baptist Church.....	100.00
Grand Street Baptist Church.....	10.00

\$4,179.59

TREASURER'S REPORT

The General Hospital Society of Connecticut,

In account with LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, Treasurer.

1888.	Dr.	
	To orders of prudential committee paid	\$28,551.82
Jan. 25.	Amount paid for \$1,000 Jersey City Bond.....	1,000.00
May 8.	Amount paid for 10 shares Yale National Bank stock	1,200.00
	Amount paid for 24 shares New Haven Co. Nat. Bank stock ..	312.00
	12. Amount paid for 8 shares Yale National Bank stock	96.00
	15. Amount paid for 54 shares Yale National Bank stock	3,944.00
	29. Amount paid for 2 shares Yale National Bank stock	232.00
July 21.	Amount paid for 54 shares Yale National Bank stock	3,936.00
Dec. 25.	Amount paid for 4 shares Second National Bank stock	565.00
	Amount paid for 16 shares New Haven Co. Nat. Bank stock ..	212.00
31.	Balance to new account (General account)	463.78
		\$53,405.62

1888.	Cr.	
Jan. 1.	By balance old (general) account	\$ 2,666.14
	Collections, Hospital Saturday and Sunday account ..	5,178.53
	Donations from a fund for a free bed for the Dwight	
	Place Congregational Society	2,500.00
	Donations from Dr. E. H. Jenkins	25.00
	Donations from Eli Whitney, Jr.	50.00
	Donations from Mrs. Mary W. Burroughs for free bed ..	5,000.00
	Donations from Trinity Church for free bed	2,500.00
	Legacy from Wm. O. Armstrong estate for free bed ..	5,000.00
April 15.	Donations from Mrs. Ann S. Parsons, 40 shares	
	Bridgeport Savings L. Co. 1888 \$100.00 / 875.00	
Jan. 4.	By Dividend Merchants National Bank	135.00
	By Dividend Second National Bank	100.00
Mar. 15.	By 6 months Interest to March 15, 1886, on Town	
	of New Haven, 2 months int.	123.68
Apr. 14.	By Dividend New Haven County National Bank....	218.00
	6 By Dividend Yale National Bank	160.00
May 12.	By 6 months Interest to May 3, 1886, on Town of	
	New Haven \$10,000 note	275.00
	15. By 6 months Interest to May 1, 1888, on Jersey	
	City Bond	35.00
June 10.	By 6 months Interest to Dec. 7, 1888, on M. C. & H.	
	W. E. Merriam \$5,000 note	125.00

July 2.	By Dividend Second National Bank.....	100.00
	By Dividend Merchants National Bank.....	115.00
	By Interest on \$4,000 City of New Haven Bonds..	100.00
15.	By Dividend Bridgeport Electric Light Co.....	20.00
Sept. 15.	By 6 months Interest to Sept. 15, 1885, on Term of New Haven \$5,000 note.....	125.00
Oct. 5.	By Dividend Yale National Bank.....	575.00
	By Dividend New Haven County National Bank....	218.40
15.	By Dividend Electric Light Co.....	20.00
Nov. 1.	By 3 months Interest on Jersey City \$1,000 loan ..	25.00
10.	By 6 months Interest to Nov. 5, 1885, on Term of New Haven \$15,000 note.....	215.00
Dec. 11.	By 6 months Interest to June 7, 1885, M. C. & M. W. K. Munson note.....	125.00
		<hr/> 24,385.40
	By amounts received from J. H. Sturgesworth, Sept.	29,100.40
		<hr/> \$53,485.80

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD S. HITCHKISS, Treasurer.

NEW HAVEN, January 1, 1887.

IMPROVEMENT FUND OF GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

LEONARD S. HITCHKISS, Treasurer.

1886.	De.	
	To Committee order to Higdon & Co.....	\$ 105.40
	New Haven Printing Co.....	13.50
	J. Wolcott & Co.....	142.60
	H. W. Lindsay.....	20.00
		<hr/> 281.50
Dec. 31.	To balance to new account (Improvement Fund).....	1,796.34
		<hr/> \$2,077.84
1887.	Cr.	
Jan. 1.	By balance old account.....	101.34
	By Donation from Leonard S. Hitchkiss.....	25.00
	Mrs. Emily M. Philo.....	200.00
	Thomas K. Trowbridge, Jr.,.....	100.00
Nov.	Mrs. Perry Parsons, laundry bill.....	200.00
	J. M. & Dwight.....	5.00
	E. H. Nichols.....	25.00
	Mrs. E. M. Kverth.....	15.00
	Mrs. Jane K. Washburn.....	20.00
	Strong, Barnes, Hart & Co.,.....	25.00
	Henry W. Tuttle.....	275.00
	Robert Morgan.....	15.00
	Mrs. John W. Mansfield.....	20.00

Nov.	By Donation from Joseph Parker, Laundry machinery,	50.00
	Ed Whitney, Jr.,	50.00
	Rev. Haskell McKim,	100.00
	S. H. Merwin,	50.00
	Joseph Foster,	50.00
	Samuel Miller,	10.00
	A. Friend,	100.00
	Franklin B. Foster,	10.00
	James E. English,	100.00
	Henry F. English,	25.00
	Wills Fitcham,	15.00
	Adison Van Name,	10.00
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		1,291.00
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		\$1,291.00

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. HODDGEKISS, Treasurer.

NEW HAVEN, January 1, 1887.

We have examined the within and foregoing account of Leonard S. Hodgekiss, Treasurer, one with "The General Hospital Society," and one with the "Improvement Fund" of said Society, and have compared all the payments charged in said accounts with the vouchers therefor, and find the same correct; and that on the first day of January, 1887, there was in the New Haven County National Bank to his credit as Treasurer of the General Fund 403.25 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars, and as Treasurer of the Improvement Fund the further sum of 1,208.75 $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars.

And we also find that the Treasurer has in his possession the following securities and property belonging to said Society:

4 bonds of the City of New Haven, par	\$ 4,000.00
640 shares New Haven County National Bank stock, par	6,400.00
100 shares Merchants National Bank stock, par	1,000.00
20 shares Second National Bank stock (New Haven), par	2,000.00
150 shares Yale National Bank stock (New Haven), par	15,000.00
1 7 per cent bond Jersey City Improvement Fund (registered), par	1,000.00
1 note of the Town of New Haven	12,000.00
1 note of the Town of New Haven	2,000.00
1 note of M. C. & W. E. Mason (secured by mortgage)	5,000.00
40 shares Capital stock Bridgeport Electric Light Co.	1,000.00

DANIEL TROWBRIDGE, $\frac{1}{2}$ Auditors,
HENRY D. WHITE, $\frac{1}{2}$

REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS.

NEW HAVEN, JANUARY 18, 1886.

*To the Presential Committee of the General Hospital Society of
Connecticut:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Visitors herewith submits its annual report in reference to those matters committed to its supervision.

Frequent visits have been made by the several members of this Board during the months assigned to them. Thorough inspection has been made from time to time of all parts of the Hospital, and such improvements as have been suggested by the Board have in all instances been carried into effect.

Investigation was made into frequent complaints of the unsatisfactory condition of the cooking and service of the food, whereupon the fact of very inadequate kitchen utensils and conveniences was disclosed.

We report with pleasure that our Board, in view of such discovery, has raised the requisite amount to provide such improvements as shall supplement the imperfect arrangements found in the culinary department. By the generous response of many friends of the Hospital to an appeal from this Board for pecuniary aid, we have been enabled to deposit with the Treasurer the sum of Three Hundred Dollars to be appropriated to such purpose.

We desire to record here the loss which this Board has sustained by the resignation of the Rev. E. W. Balcock, who, during many years' connection with this Board, was found ever faithful and earnest in the performance of every duty devolving upon him. His withdrawal has caused a vacancy not easy to be filled.

It is with special pleasure we mention the uniform courtesy of the officers of the institution and also bear witness to the testimony from the patients of the kindly treatment and unwearied attentions extended to them by the nurses.

In our opinion the Hospital with its equipments is doing an immeasurable amount of good, giving to all, without distinction, the benefits of the best surgical and medical skill supplemented by intelligent and efficient nursing.

The Board of Visitors desires to express its appreciation of the prompt attention and careful consideration which their suggestions have received from the Prudential Committee, and also of the coöperation of the Superintendent in all endeavors to promote the interests of this institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. H. BYWERS,
MAX ADLER,
PATRICK MAHER,
J. O. FICK,
C. E. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

REPORT OF LADY VISITORS.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

GENTLEMEN :—The Board of Lady Visitors herewith submits, according to custom, its annual report. Members of the Board have visited the Hospital weekly, inspecting every ward as well as the kitchen department, and have been well pleased with the cleanliness and order observed. Complaints as regards the cooking have been investigated and have been found in some instances to have been well founded, but the difficulty seems to be more in the lack of proper conveniences than in neglect on the part of the Hospital management. It is hoped that the steam boiler to be purchased with money raised through the efforts of the Gentlemen Visitors will obviate some of the difficulty. The food is abundant, and, as a rule, excellent in quality, and reaches the patients in much better condition than formerly, as, since the est-

section of the "hot closets" with the high steam pressure they have been hot in reality as well as in name. This makes it possible to serve the food carried in to patients in the wards on hot plates, making it much more palatable.

The patients owe much to the skilled nursing they receive from the nurses of the Training School under the direction and guidance of the admirable Head Nurse, Miss L. M. Crozier, as well as to the care of the house doctors and to the visiting physicians who generously devote as much of their valuable time to this labor of love. The Superintendent, Mr. Starkweather, continues to manifest the same feeling of kindness and interest in the welfare of the patients that he has shown in the past. Care is taken to do what can be done to brighten the lives of the patients, and to relieve the tedium of their dreary hours of suffering. Thanksgiving and Christmas are bright spots in their lives which many speak of long afterwards with gratitude.

There is one subject, however, to which the Lady Visitors feel that they must *most* *urgently* call the attention of the Prudential Committee, and if possible, that of the public, it is to that of the *very great need* of a separate Children's Ward. At present children and nervous women-patients are in the same ward, to the great detriment of both. The Board of Lady Visitors in their report for 1884 strongly urged a change in this matter. Nothing has yet been done. They feel that another year should not be allowed to go by without at least an effort being made in this direction. Of course they are aware that the need has not been met before this on account of lack of funds. They believe, however, that if the matter is strongly presented to the public that the necessary funds would be forthcoming. They feel sure that the visiting physicians who have patients in Ward No. 2 West, where at present are both women and children, will heartily endorse what the Lady Visitors say as to the urgent need of another ward. Patients with nervous complaints should not be subjected to the noise which is often torture to them, nor should the poor children, whose little lives are dull enough at the best, be deprived of the small amount of pleasure and fun that is possible for them. The Lady Visitors trust that the Prudential Committee will do what they can in this matter. They wish also to offer one other suggestion which they believe can be carried out without much expense and which would be of very great benefit to the patients in the Mansard. These patients have at present no place where

they can take the air in summer. All the other patients in the Hospital, who are well enough to be up, but not able to be out, have verandas on which they can sit and breathe the pure air. The patients in the Mansard, where the air is the closest, have none. It has been thought that with very little expense a veranda could be constructed by simply cutting a door at the end of the hall, and putting a board floor over the roof, which is already enclosed by railings. This would add greatly to the pleasure and health of the patients, many of whom are unable to leave that floor, and are therefore deprived at present of all means of being in the open air. We hope that this suggestion will receive the consideration which it seems to us to deserve. It may be well to mention here, as a proof that the interest of the Lady Visitors is not confined to their official visiting, that a sewing society has been organized under the direction of Mrs. Clarence H. Stillson and Mrs. J. R. Sargent for the purpose of making garments for the Hospital. Seventeen garments were completed and sent in during the last month. The members of this society meet every Wednesday morning, from 10 to 12 o'clock, in Trinity Parish building. Any donations of cotton cloth sent in at that time to aid in the work would be gladly received.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY T. EVERITT, CHAIRMAN.

MARY R. JAY HUBBES, SECRETARY.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Applications for the admission of patients should be accompanied by a certificate from some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, and should be addressed to the Superintendent of the Hospital, New Haven, Conn. In accordance with the regulations of the hospital, the superintendent, or his representative of the prudential committee, arranges the terms of admission according to the circumstances of the case and the accommodation required.

2. The treating is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. The ordinary charge per week for accommodation in the wards is \$5.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing.

4. Private rooms are furnished at \$12.00 or more per week, according to the requirements of the case.

5. Persons partly supported by the towns in which they reside and partly by the State appropriation, are admitted on an order from the town authorities. Town patients are received at \$4.00 per week.

6. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war, or in the quotas of other States if residents of Connecticut at the time of enlistment, and now residents, are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability, under the Acts of the General Assembly of 1878, 1882 and 1884.

7. Sailors whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund are admitted on the order of collector of the port of New Haven.

8. Persons carried directly to the hospital from the place of an accident are admitted immediately.

9. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

10. *Insane persons and those suffering from contagious diseases are not admitted.*

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In consideration of the admission of _____ of _____ into the Institution of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut, _____ in New Haven, I engage to provide, or pay for, a *supply of clothing* for _____ use, and pay to the treasurer of said institution _____ dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance; and to cause said patient to be removed when discharged, without expense to said institution; and, in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

Principal.

For value received, I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulation.

Surgeon.

APPENDIX.

CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Training School for nurses has been established for thirteen years. At first the number of pupils was limited to six; within two years it was increased to eleven, then to fourteen, and then not being sufficient to meet the many demands for special and continuous attention which critical cases required, the Prædential Committee raised the number to seventeen in 1880, to nineteen in 1882, and to twenty-three in 1883. In 1884 the number was made to depend upon the number of patients in the Hospital, and averaged during the past year with the head nurse and assistant thirty-two and one-half. The pupils remain in the Hospital for one year and pursue their studies and daily routine of work under the superintendence of the head nurse. Each nurse is assigned to one ward or department for several weeks, and in the course of a year has studied surgical, medical, and obstetrical nursing, and also the preparation of special dishes suitable for invalids and convalescents. Symptom records are kept which enable the physician to ascertain the varied phases of the disease, since he last saw the patient.

At the close of the year of study the nurse has a vacation of one month, and then returns to take for six months such cases of private practice as shall be assigned to her. Her home is in the Hospital, when her services are not called for elsewhere, and the school pays for all the nurses there in excess of the number allowed.

The Hospital authorities appreciate most highly the advantages of having this school established here. Those who enter it either have a special gift for nursing or, with a true spirit of self-sacrifice, have devoted themselves to the noble work of ministering to others; consequently the duties of that department are performed more faithfully and more skillfully than in former years, when it was thought that strength was the only requisite in a nurse.

Those wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the secretary of the school, when, if approved by the executive committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the Hospital. The candidates must be over twenty-four and under forty years of age, and must present a certificate from a clergyman and physician as to their good moral character and sound health. They will be received for one month on probation and without compensation.

Information concerning the school will be furnished by the President, Vice-President, or other members of the executive committee.

Pupils are received from any State.

Applications for admission should be made as early as possible to the Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Jenkins, Agricultural Station, New Haven.

Physicians or others in any part of the State desiring to secure the services of trained nurses for men or women, medical or surgical patients, should apply by telegraph or letter, stating the nature of the case, to the Superintendent of Nursing, New Haven Hospital.

The price per week for services of a trained nurse is \$12.00 in and \$15.00 out of the State, unless two members of the family are ill at the same time, when there will be a slight additional charge. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the public that it is more economical and safer for the patient to employ a reliable nurse, than to indulge in a natural but misplaced sentiment, which sacrifices the strength of an entire family in the care of one invalid member.

CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

COMMITTEES OF ADMINISTRATION.

President.

Mrs. NOAH PORTER.

Vice-Presidents.

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Mrs. Samuel Colt, Hartford.

Mrs. H. Farnum, New Haven.

Mrs. G. M. Hutchinson, Hartford.

Mrs. B. C. Sanford, New Milford.

Mrs. Edith Harwood, New Britain.

Mrs. F. J. Kingsbury, Waterbury.

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Mr. Charles A. Shattuck.

Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. E. M. Bond.

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Mr. Wilbur F. Day.

Ex-Off, James E. English.

Executive Committee.

Mrs. Nida Porter, Chair.

Mrs. L. J. Sanford.

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For the Year 1887.

Presented at the General Meeting, January 27th, 1888.

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A donation of \$5,000 entitles the donor, his heirs and assigns, to receive patients to a free bed in perpetuity.

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FREE BED FUND.

1814—Betty Farnon,	\$5,000
1814—William Fitch,	5,000
1874—James E. Egbert,	5,000
1876—Ellen M. O'Brien,	5,000
1881—Henry Brown,	10,000
1883—The Thanksgiving Free Bed,	5,000
1883—The Rev. A. Stone Free Bed,	5,000
1885—The Henry Hookless Memorial Free Bed,	5,000
1887—The Dwight Place Society Free Bed,	5,000
1888—W. O. Armstrong,	5,000
1888—The Mary Walker Redgrave Trustbridge Memorial Free Bed,	5,000
1888—The Trinity Church Free Bed,	5,000
1888—The Dr. Thomas Webb Memorial Free Bed,	5,000
1888—The House for the Friendless Free Bed,	5,000

PERMANENT FUND.

1877—Grace Larned,	\$5,000
1876—Nelson A. Hookless,	5,000
1885—Mary A. Miles,	5,000

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors has the honor herewith to present to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut its sixty-first annual report as prepared by the presidential committee :

The total number of patients treated during the year has been 848, a falling off of 57 from last year; the daily average has been 104 against 111 $\frac{1}{2}$ last year. This very considerable diminution has been almost entirely in the class of soldier patients, which it has been the policy of the present Soldiers' Hospital Board to transfer, so far as possible, to the Home at Noroton. In 1886, 147 of this class were treated at this Hospital, this year but 94, a decrease of 53, six more, therefore, than our total loss in numbers, so that the number of patients outside of this source has actually increased.

Seven hundred and thirty (730) new patients were admitted. These new patients came from 56 different towns and villages in the State and from 13 other States or countries; 260 were residents of the town of New Haven.

The activity of the service has been a trifle greater than last year, the average stay of each patient in the Hospital being 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks as against 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ last year.

The receipts from patients and other current sources not investments nor charitable donations was \$61,614.79. The current expenses were \$49,899.18, being an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$11,715.61. In 1886, the corresponding items were \$35,527.37 earnings, and \$41,539.67 expenses, the deficit \$6,012.30, so that the increased deficit this year is \$2642.49. By comparing these two years we find the expenses this year have been nearly \$700 less, but the falling off in earnings has been considerably more, viz: \$3612.98.

The average weekly cost of supporting each patient has been \$2.40 $\frac{1}{2}$; the daily cost of food per inmate 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents. A comparison for a number of years shows that this year the weekly cost has been considerably greater than ever before so far as the reports show them, as follows:

Year.	Weekly cost.	Daily cost of food per inmate.
1887	\$6.92½	28 ½ cts.
1885	7.37	28 ½
1884	6.47	27 ½
1883	6.06	27 ½
1882	6.70	32 ½
1881	6.22	30 ½
1880	6.85	28 ½
1879	7.16½	25 ½

This table shows, singularly enough, that the price of the food per day has no positive relation to the weekly cost of supporting the patient. Thus in 1879, the daily cost of food was but 25 ½ cts., while the weekly support was \$7.16½; in 1882, the daily cost of food was 32 ½ cts., the highest amount in the list, yet the weekly support was but \$6.70, less than any of the last three years, during all of which time the daily cost of food has been almost exactly the same, at 28 ½ cts., yet here again the weekly support has varied from \$6.92½ to \$7.49½.

The average proportion of attendants to patients has been 71 attendants to 104 patients; last year it was 75½ to 113½; in 1885 it was 76 to 105½; previous to that it was less. This general increase of the last three years is due to the increased activity of the service, and the consequent adoption of the sliding scale for the number of nurses.

The total number of weeks occupied by patients was 5,422½; last year it was 5,818½, a difference of 495½ weeks. In comparing the years 1884 and 1887, we find the loss and gain by weeks among the various classes of patients to be as follows, viz:

	1887.	1884.	Average	Difference.
United States Marine patients,	218½	179½	198	
State-soldier patients,	1511½	298½	514½	
Self-paying patients in Wards,	584½	602½	593½	
" " private rooms,	188½	143½	165½	
Town patients,	168½	59½	114	111½
Free Bed patients,	528½	521½	525	41
Charity patients,	74½	78½	76½	4
	5818½	5422½		

From this table we learn that our principal loss in time has been, as was to be expected, from the class of State-soldier patients. The loss of income from this source has been about \$2000. The table also shows a general decrease in all the more

enumerative classes of patients and an increase in the unenumerative classes (compare table on page 10 of report of last year), i. e., the absolutely unenumerative class of charity patients, who pay nothing and the town patients. Of the former, the gross amount is somewhat less than \$400, but of the town patients the loss to the Hospital last year was about \$5300, as follows, viz: these patients occupied 5025 weeks, at \$2.40 $\frac{1}{2}$ per week; this amounted to \$22,403.15. For this we receive directly from the town \$4 per week, amounting to \$12,060, and the State appropriation of \$5000 in addition, supposed to make up the deficiency, making \$17,060; the balance against the Hospital, therefore, is \$5393, more than double the amount of the State appropriation and this year nearly as much as the aggregate of the 5 years previous to 1885. In 1885 and 1886, the losses were \$4533.71 and \$2878.86 respectively. It is thus very evident that this class of patients is becoming more and more a burden upon the Hospital, and it becomes a question whether we ought not in justice to the charitable persons upon whom we are so frequently obliged to call for assistance, to increase the rate charged for town patients to more nearly approach the actual cost. Last year your committee suggested (page 31) the advisability of making the increase and in 1885, the prudential committee of that time had printed a small pamphlet upon the relations of the New Haven Hospital with the State, from the pen of the then chairman, Prof. Henry W. Farnam, in which the matter was discussed at considerable length, and it was shown that the recipients of the bounty of the liberal and charitable subscribers "are not the patients themselves, but the various towns whose treasury is thereby saved an outlay which they would otherwise be obliged to make, while our means for helping real charity patients i. e., those who have no claim upon a town for support are crippled." Your committee are of the opinion that the time has come when charges for the care of the town patients would be increased to \$5 per week. We are also of the opinion that the price for the private rooms should be \$15 per week instead of \$12 as is now charged.

The increase in the item of fuel (\$762) is due partly to increased consumption in the use of the laundry machinery and the steam cooking apparatus, but mainly because this year the price is nearly 75 cents per ton more than last.

In the item of repairs and improvements about \$875 was raised

by repairs to the fence, surrounding the Hospital grounds, as reported to the Directors at a quarterly meeting.

During a part of the summer and fall when the number of inmates was the lowest, Ward A East was closed, but it has since been opened again as the number increased.

During the year the following improvements have been made: at the request of the Medical Board a new Laboratory, in a more convenient situation and with better apparatus, has been fitted up at a cost of \$228.55, of which they raised and contributed themselves \$166; a sewer connection, to relieve the Laundry building and high pressure boiler of an overflow, was made with Howard Avenue at a cost of \$123; and \$49 were paid for moving the hydrant from the site of the new amphitheatre and accident room building, the foundations for which have been laid; and with characteristic liberality the donor finding the bids of the contractors to be more than the estimates of the architects, has authorized the Building Committee to draw upon her for the balance between her former donation and the plans of the Building Committee, being \$5000 additional or \$13,000 in all. Besides these \$1000 have been raised by the Board of Visitors for the steam cooking apparatus and \$276.55 expended therefore, the balance is in the hands of the Treasurer as an especial improvement fund. The Laundry machinery cost \$2234.44 all of which was raised by especial subscription.

The Hospital received during this year the net proceeds of a Ball given under the auspices of the New Haven Grays amounting to \$1917.77; of this \$500 was set apart to form a nucleus for an especial fund, the interest of which is to be allowed to accumulate for a children's ward. The balance was used to pay current expenses according to the wishes of the Committee having the matter in charge. Preparations are again being actively carried out to give a Ball this year, also, with the same object. The Directors take pleasure in recognizing the interest which the Hospital excites in the community as a charity worthy of support.

The Hospital Sunday contributions for 1887 were \$2463.33; this year so far as reported, to date, they are a little over \$2300, and are now being drawn against for current expenses. The Board of Visitors has suggested that in view of the frequent very inclement weather on the Sunday now set apart for that purpose by the Churches that the day be changed. This matter is under

advisement with the clergymen of the City and if it seems best to make a change it will be done.

The Directors take pleasure in announcing that the sum of \$2500 has been paid to the Treasurer to establish a free bed to be known as the "Dr. Thomas Wells Memorial Free Bed."

There is a balance of cash on hand, and in Bank, after paying all bills of \$3839.45, but \$2500 of this is the amount recently paid in but uninvested to establish the Free Bed just mentioned, and is not, therefore, to be used for current expenses. The actual available amount on JANUARY 25th, when the account was closed, was \$829.45; since then over \$900 which does not appear in the account has been paid in from Hospital Sunday contributions. On the 27th of December, 1887, the Prudential Committee in conformity with the authorization of the Board of Directors at its last meeting, borrowed \$1000 on a demand note from the New Haven County National Bank to meet the pay-roll and other current expenses. This has carried us over until the present time when the Hospital Sunday collections and interest on investments have enabled us to meet these deficiencies and there is now money on hand to pay the note. The balance of special improvement fund is \$36.00.

The average number of nurses of the Training School has been 32½, one to each 3½ patients. While this proportion may seem unnecessarily large the Medical Staff certainly appreciate the value of their intelligent care of the sick and the Prudential Committee testifies to the conscientious interest that Miss Croome, the Superintendent of Nursing takes in the welfare of the Hospital.

Mr. J. H. Starkweather continues to discharge the multifarious duties of his office of Superintendent with his accustomed fidelity.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CARMALT,
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ELI WHITNEY, JR.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

New Haven Hospital, Jan. 20th, 1885.

To the Board of Directors of the New Haven Hospital Society:

GENTLEMEN:—I enclose the statistics compiled by the House Staff, which constitute the report for the past year of the Medical Board.

Respectfully submitted by

SAMUEL D. GILBERT,

Secretary Med. Board.

MEDICAL CASES TREATED DURING THE YEAR 1884.

Abscess of liver	1	Scabies	5
Alveolitis	12	Siderosis	1
Anemia	5	Strabismus, exotropia	1
" cerebral	1	Trachoma	2
" spinal	1	Scrophulous prostate	7
Anthrax, thoracic	1	Salivations	1
Aneurysm pericardii	2	Fever, continued	1
Anterior scrofularitis	1	" intermittent	9
Aortic regurgitation	5	" remittent	2
" mitral	1	" typhoid	13
" tricuspid and aortic	2	Diarrhoea	1
Asthma	1	Gastritis	4
Atrophy of submaxillary gland	1	Hæmoptoe	1
Biliary colic	1	Short, disturbed	1
Bronchitis, acute	1	" irregular	2
" chronic	4	Metropia	17
Carcinoma of duodenum and pancreas	2	Hypochondriasis	1
" liver	1	Hysteria	6
" stomach	1	Incontinence	1
Ophthalmitis	1	Laryngitis, chronic	1
Chorea	2	" catarrhal	1
Cirrhosis of liver	4	Luxation of hip	4
Congestion, cerebro-spinal	1	Malacia	3
" cerebral	1	Malignant	1
Convulsions	1	Meningitis	1
Debility	1	Mitral regurgitation	1
" mental	4	" aortic	2
Diarrhoea	5	Misoplegia	6
Dysentery	4	Nephritis, acute	1
Dyspepsia	1	" chronic	2
Dyspnoea	1	Neuritis	4

Neuritis.....	4	Poisoning, illuminating gas.....	1
Neuritis intercostal.....	3	" lead, chromic.....	1
" sciatic.....	1	" opium.....	2
" trifacial.....	1	" phosphorus.....	1
" visceral.....	1	Polyuria.....	1
Neurasthenia.....	2	Pregnancy.....	73
Nervin, peripheral.....	1	Prostatitis.....	1
" multiple.....	2	Puerperal state.....	2
Neuritis.....	1	Rheumatism, acute.....	14
Osteo-liths.....	2	" chronic.....	22
Parotitis aglans.....	1	" sub-acute.....	11
" gonadal.....	1	Rheumatic arthritis.....	2
" salivary.....	1	Syphilis.....	1
Paraplegia.....	2	Syphilis.....	1
Pathology.....	1	Syphilis.....	1
Peritonitis.....	1	Structure of Oesophagus.....	1
Pharyngitis.....	2	Synovitis.....	1
Phthisis.....	42	Tumor, of abdomen.....	1
Pneumonia.....	2	" cervical.....	1
" chronic.....	2	Typhoid.....	1
Pneumonia.....	4	Ulcer of stomach.....	1
Poisoning, arsenic.....	1		
" lead gas.....	1	Total cases treated in 1887.....	553

BIRTHS DURING YEAR.

January.....	1	August.....	1
February.....	1	September.....	2
March.....	1	October.....	1
April.....	1	November.....	1
May.....	4	December.....	1
June.....	1		
July.....	2	Total.....	17

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUSTIN A. CRANE, M.D. *House Physician.*

SURGICAL REPORT FOR 1887.

Amputation of arm.....	2	Arthritis of knee.....	1
Amputation of hand.....	1	" chronic of knee.....	1
Amputation of ankle.....	1	" tubercular of knee.....	1
" chronic.....	1	Baldness and paraphimosis.....	2
" of elbow (deep).....	1	Blebs.....	2
" finger.....	2	Burns.....	2
" cervical region.....	4	" of arm and back.....	2
" hand.....	1	" " thigh.....	1
" perforation.....	1	" arm and legs.....	1
" specimen.....	2	" back.....	1
" scalp.....	1	" foot.....	1
" thigh.....	4	Cauldron, visceral.....	1
Amputation and incision of stomach.....	1	Cauldron of back.....	1
Arthritis and exfoliation.....	1	Caries of frontal bone.....	1
Adenomatous body in knee.....	1	" inferior maxilla.....	1
Ankylosis, false, of ankle.....	1	" tarsus.....	2
" of knee.....	1	" tibia.....	1
" false of knee.....	1	" syphilis.....	1

VALUE OF DEATH IS 1885

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Of the number, 14 died within 24 hours after they were admitted.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 20, 1898.

To the Presidential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith respectfully submit the sixty-first annual report of receipts and disbursements, number of patients treated in hospital, and other items of information. The number of patients remaining in the hospital, December 31st, 1886, was 119—87 males and 32 females; admitted during the year 1887, 730—394 males, 336 females; making a total of 849 under treatment. Of this number, 304 were discharged cured, 219 improved, 108 unimproved, 95 died, and 99 remained under treatment, Dec. 31st, 1887. There were 17 births—12 males and 5 females. The whole number of weeks occupied was 3422½, of which 3160½ were occupied by charity patients, or those not paying full rates. The patients admitted came from 59 different towns and villages in this State, and from 13 other States or countries; 340 were residents of the town of New Haven.

The largest number of patients any one day was 181; the smallest, 32; the daily average, 104. The attendants and other inmates averaged 74; making a total of 178; of these, 32½ were nurses (and matrons) of the Training School.

The current receipts or earnings, less amount refunded to patients, were \$32,014.79; the current expenses were \$40,869.18; excess of expenses over receipts, \$8854.39.

The average cost of supporting each patient was \$1,404 per week.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT

THE STRATIFICATION OF 100,000 HIGH GRADE HEPATOBLASTOMAS

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1867. To amounts received	
From Balance.....	\$96.87
U. S. Marine patients.....	1,333.00
State Soldier patients.....	6,038.96
Town patients.....	11,542.51
Self-paying patients.....	7,118.82
State appropriation.....	3,008.89
Board.....	166.28
Fees.....	206.28
Sundries.....	13.82
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	\$32,720.13
Paid to Treasurer, general account.....	\$6,350.53
special improvement account.....	2,552.36
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	\$23,817.24

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1897. By amounts expended:

For Flour, 4082 lbs.	\$133.41
Meal and rice, 2678 lbs.	128.48
Bread and crackers, 35,218 lbs.	1,043.38
Cake	180.35
Butter, 5527½ lbs.	1,062.44
Cheese, 830½ lbs.	125.22
Meat, 55,651½ lbs.	3,389.49
Poultry, 2042½ lbs.	1,441.89
Fish and oysters, 16,212½ lbs.	1,599.45
Vegetables and fruit	1,733.88
Eggs, 5281 doz.	1,357.47
Groceries	1,418.36
Milk, 58,880 qts. skim, 18,698 qts.	2,764.85
Lard, 209,508 lbs.	323.15
Liquors	434.25
Alc and beer	81.83
Medicines	1,446.25
Testaments	292.60
Surgical dressings	822.74
Fuel, 735 tons coal	1,911.32
Gas, 100,468 ft.	1,300.41
Water	182.80
Furniture and crockery	453.76
Cloths and bedding	398.82
Repairs and improvements	2,282.57
Postage, printing and stationery	385.32
Rent and fare expense	287.94
Tools	18.29
Salaries and wages	8,151.18
Physic and soap	173.81
Sundries	518.97
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Special improvements	\$40,505.18
Refunded to patients	1,919.77
Deposited with Treasurer	617.45
Balance	21,697.43
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	\$15,622.92

Total current hospital expenses \$40,805.18
 Less board of Superintendent's family and nurses 706.18
 ----- \$40,162.00

Number of weeks of hospital care, 5422½.

Cost per week per patient \$7.40½

Total cost of food 18,638.17

Average daily number of inmates, 178.

Cost of food per inmate per day 28½¢

Respectfully,

JOHN H. STARKWEATHER.

Superintendent.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in hospital, Dec. 31, 1886.....	67	23	139
Admitted during 1887	244	235	479
Total.....	311	258	569
Of this number those have been discharged—			
Cured.....	262	192	454
Improved.....	158	41	229
Unimproved.....	61	62	123
Died.....	32	23	55
	313	228	541
Remaining under treatment, Dec. 31, 1887.....	78	71	149
Total.....	391	299	690

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS.

FROM JANUARY 1, 1887, TO DECEMBER 31, 1887.

January.....	34	August.....	77
February.....	59	September.....	47
March.....	82	October.....	51
April.....	55	November.....	51
May.....	68	December.....	53
June.....	54		
July.....	69	Total.....	739

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 15 years.....	28	18	46
From 15 to 20 years.....	19	23	42
" 20 to 25 ".....	127	65	192
" 25 to 30 ".....	349	28	377
" 30 to 35 ".....	65	37	122
" 35 to 40 ".....	24	24	48
" 40 to 45 ".....	57	14	71
" 45 to 50 ".....	14	7	21
" 50 to 55 ".....	3	1	4
Total.....	594	228	822

TIME OCCUPIED BY THE SEVERAL CLASSES OF PATIENTS.

U. S. Marine patients	129	weeks.
State Soldier patients	3905	"
Town patients	3,825	"
Self-paying patients, in wards	6637	"
Self-paying patients, in private rooms	1485	"
Free Bed patients	3213	"
Charity patients	198	"
Total	5,422	"

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

Austria	7	Hungary	1	Sweden	16
Canada	11	Ireland	205	Switzerland	4
Denmark	3	Italy	11	Scotland	24
England	25	New France	2	United States	279
Finland	1	Norway	4	Wales	3
France	2	Poland	3	Unknown	7
Germany	44	Russia	4		
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REPRESENTATION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN CONNECTICUT.

In the Hospital during the Year ending December 31, 1887.

Ansonia	12	Keenestown	2	Potomac	1
Barnum	1	Leeds's Island	5	Rockfall	1
Benson Falls	1	Litchfield	2	Rockville	1
Berlin	3	Meriden	22	Saybrook	1
Birmingham	14	Middletown	4	Seaside	5
Branford	1	Middletown	5	Shelton	5
Bridgeport	2	Millbrook	2	Southbury	1
Bridgewater	4	Montville	1	Southington	2
Brooklyn	1	Mt. Carmel	2	South Norwalk	1
Cheshire	1	Naugussett	7	Stamford	3
Clinton	2	New Britain	8	Stamford	1
Danbury	2	New Hartford	1	Stony Brook	2
Darien	1	New Haven	242	Suffield	2
Deep River	2	New London	8	Terryville	1
Derham	1	New Milford	1	Thomson	5
East Haven	2	North	1	Thompsonville	1
East	1	North	2	Torrington	1
Fairfield	1	North	1	Wallington	8
Fair Haven	14	North	4	Washington	2
Falls Village	1	North	4	Waterbury	31
Franklin	1	North	2	West Haven	3
Groton	4	North	1	Warrville	2
Gulfport	3	North	1	Williston	4
Haddam	5	Orange	7	Woodbridge	2
Hartford	1	Oxford	2	Woodbury	2
Hudson	1	Plainville	1	Woolcott	1
Hazardville	1	Portland	2	West Windsor	1
Hartington	5	Troop	2		

OCCUPATION.

Actress	1	Quinn	2	Quarrymen	3
Agent	1	Quillblower	1	Reporter	1
Baker	5	Grinder	1	Rabbit workers	3
Bailor	1	Quailmiller	5	Sealiver	1
Bartender	4	Rack drivers	2	Salesmen	2
Bellporter	1	Ratone maker	1	School keepers	7
Blacksmith	14	Red carrier	1	Scissors grinder	1
Boltonmaker	1	Rewinders	3	Seamstress	2
Boltonmaker	1	Railers	1	Seamen	50
Bookbinder	1	Housework	37	Servants	5
Bonemaker	1	Jewellers	9	Shoemaker	1
Buckskin	16	Laborers	142	Shipping clerks	2
Bureaukeepers	6	Launderesses	10	Shoemakers	3
Butler	2	Liners	2	Shop work	1
Bookkeeper	1	Liveryman	1	Spicers	2
Butchers	6	Locksmith	1	Spoon makers	2
Carpenters	19	Machinists	18	Station agent	1
Carrage makers	4	Machinist pressmen	2	Stenographer	1
Carrage painters	2	Masters	9	Stencillers	2
Carrage trimmers	2	Mechanical engineers	1	Stone rollers	4
Carrages	2	Mechanics	2	Students	7
Cigar makers	1	Metal worker	1	Teachers	5
Clerks	4	Milkmen	2	Tailors	2
Clergyman	1	Molders	16	Tinsmiths	1
Clock makers	2	Musicians	1	Toil maker	1
Cooler	1	Naturalists	1	Wagon makers	2
Cook	1	Nurses	4	Waiters	3
Coverlet manufacturers	1	Painters	12	Waitress	1
Die maker	1	Pollster	1	Watchmen	2
Dressmaker	1	Physicians	1	Waiters	2
Farmer	21	Plater	1	Wine drinkers	1
Factory girl	1	Polishers	1	Wool choppers	2
Firmen	2	Produce dealer	1	Wood turner	1

ANNUAL SUMMARY.

Year.	In Hospital at beginning of year.	Admitted during year.	Under care.	Discharged or died.	Remaining at the end of the year.	Daily average for the year.	Dressed No. on any one day.	Less No. on any one day.
1871-1872	22	270	257	277	36	64	44	27
1872-1873	28	266	295	305	31	48	55	27
1873-1874	23	298	329	304	35	38	48	24
1874-1875	37	303	338	358	34	41	56	26
1875-1876	54	328	378	318	80	52	70	34
1876-1877	68	319	370	367	70	60	78	44
1877	38	428	504	397	132	75	135	59
1878	172	418	525	468	147	104	125	83
1879	117	430	555	418	142	124	142	102
1880	140	382	525	384	141	126	162	116
1881	141	322	455	356	39	106	147	39
1882	58	335	384	371	71	69	102	25
1883	71	328	460	328	81	67	85	43
1884	81	440	520	429	37	81	87	72
1885	92	556	648	545	187	89	166	78
1886	100	505	788	532	36	104	122	88
1887	106	515	812	537	235	117	129	33
1888	125	548	823	749	224	115	126	100
1889	124	526	662	531	131	105	121	82
1890	111	580	687	547	110	124	127	97
1891	110	520	818	731	89	101	141	82
			11,580					

DONATIONS

RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR 1891

Publishers have kindly furnished the hospital with the New Haven Daily Post-Dispatch, the New Haven Daily Journal and Courier, the New Haven Daily Register, the New Haven Daily Union, the New Haven Morning News, and the New York Herald Journal. A friend has also volunteered for the Independent.

BOOKS, MAGAZINES AND PAPERS.

Leonard S. Hinkley, Hon. H. H. Harrison, Mrs. Spaulding, Mrs. Geo. B. Harrison, Miss Bulford, Edward G. Bourne, Mary L. Morgan, Dr. Henry Bronson, Mrs. Wm. E. Tyler, Mrs. John W. Kenney, Dr. T. H. Bishop, C. H. Lewis, Miss Otton, Mrs. L. H. Kingsley, Mrs. Boynton (Madison), Mrs. Philip Hall, Mrs. Chas. Kimberly, Mrs. Henry Furman, C. S. Fessell, Mrs. Dr. Chapman, A. T. H. Mrs. Jane E. Winchester, Mrs. Thos. Wells, Mrs. E. E. Mansfield, Mrs. W. W. Carpenter, Miss Helen Norton (Madison), Mrs. L. F. Kellogg, Edward W. Baldwin, Mrs. T. W. Ferry, Mrs. Harriet Fish, Rev. Phoebe A. Hubbard, Dr. Page (North Haven), Mrs. R. J. Miner, W. F. French, Miss Nellie Holcomb, John C. North, Mrs. S. C. Peck, Mrs. J. B. Robertson, Mrs. Allen, Willie E. Haddock, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Jeffersonian Club, Mrs. F. E. Morgan, Eliot House, Mrs. Joseph Wilson.

CHURCHES, YOUNG LADIES AND OLD LADIES.

John F. Kato, Hon. H. H. Harrison, John Hickey, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Henry Furman, C. D. Warner, Mrs. Philo Chaffield, Miss Yale, Miss Anna Kennedy, Miss Locke, Mrs. F. T. Jannet, Mrs. E. I. Barrett, Mrs. H. H. Harrison, Mrs. Bonacious, Mrs. M. E. Tyler, Miss Hinkley, Mrs. Charles Kimberly, Dr. Robert Owen, Mrs. Thomas Woodruff, Miss Richard, Mrs. R. J. Miner, E. H. Douglas, Mrs. King, Dr. L. K. Cooper, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Dr. Bates, Mrs. E. D. Ford (East Haven), Mrs. Tyler, John C. Hallister, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. J. S. Kato, Mrs. Boardman, Mrs. Candler, Miss Bulford, Dr. Smith, Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. E. McLean, Mrs. Chapley, Mrs. Timothy Charles, Mrs. Dorcas Fitch, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. McKimsey, Mrs. Day, Mrs. A. M. Hunt, Mrs. Prof. Norton, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Mervin, Mrs. Austin, Miss Hall, Mrs. Mansfield, Mrs. S. W. Johnson, Mrs. F. S. Bradley, Mrs. S. C. Peck, Mrs. Laura Hinkley, Mrs. F. K. Hinkley, Dr. Augustin Averill Crane, Mrs. Sanford, T. W. Woodruff, Mrs. Hayes Treadwell, Dr. Robert S. Bradley, Mr. Hyman, Baptist Aid Society, 125 pieces of newly made garments for patients in the week.

Fruit and Flowers.

Mrs. T. G. Bennett, Mrs. Oakford, Sunday School Derby Congregational Church; Mrs. Street, Mrs. Winchester, Mrs. Cook, Baptist Church, Sunday School Gateway Baptist Church, United English Temperance Society (West Haven), New Haven City Sabbath School, Johnson House, Sunday School (West Church).

FOR TRANSMITTING AND CHRISTMAS.

Prof. H. W. Farnham, \$15; Mrs. Maria Sheffield, \$25; Mrs. Geo. E. Farnham, \$15; Mrs. Henry Farnham, \$50; Miss Clara Dudley, \$5; Turkey toes Mrs. E. C. Bond, Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. Thos. Wells, Miss Lilla T. Parker, Dr. E. H. Bishop, Mrs. F. B. Mallory, Dr. T. B. Bishop, Mrs. Richard Everett, Mrs. Thos. G. Bennett, strong, Turkey Feet & Co. Mrs. T. H. Bishop; a friend, one lot oranges; Miss Whitney, toys; Robert and Ethel Campbell, scrap-books and toys.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. E. F. Morgan and Mrs. Edward Meyers, \$45; Mrs. Morgan, toys; Miss Foss, eggs; Swallow Girls (Waverbury), picture cards; Phoebe Society, large scrap-book; Capt. Fock, 1 pair overcoats; Mr. Trenbridge, toys, etc.; People of Room 5, Waverley School, 1 scrap-books; Adeline Colver, picture book; Mrs. Eliza Malligan, medicine bottles; A. G. DeForest, 1 wing chair, 2 spinal braces; Mrs. B. McKim, 2 framed pictures; Mrs. Emily Fitch, medicine bottles; Dr. Wm. H. Canfield, framed picture; Mrs. Paul Seymour and children, toys, books and handkerchiefs; Mrs. Edith Smith, toys; Miss Emily Earle, doll; T. W. T. O'Brien, 1 box oranges.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS.

MINISTERIUM OF SATURDAY AND SUNDAY COLLECTIONS, 1892.

From	Wm. L. Andrews, New York	\$21.00
	United Church	182.69
	Dwight Place Church	10.48
	Westville Congregational Church	15.32
	German Lutheran Church	8.08
	Trul. R. S. Buss	13.00
	E. A. Carr	1.09
	St. Thomas's Church	32.16
	Mrs. F. E. Decker	75.00
	Birmingham Congregational Church	14.34
	Grace Church	10.00
	St. John's Church	38.47
	Trinity Church	59.77
	Church of the Ascension	3.07
	Sunday School Mishkan Israel	17.00
	St. Paul's Church	18.17
	Friends	5.51
	St. Patrick's Church	10.00
	First Church, Oyster	485.47
	College Street Church	22.50
	Miss Bullock	5.00
	Congregation Mishkan Israel	195.00
	Church of the Redeemer	200.00
	Dorchester Church	43.31
	Congregational Church, Seymour	8.88
	Christ Church, Guilford	8.50
	First Congregational Church, Fair Haven	19.21
	First Church, Glastonbury, additional	52.00
	Trinity M. E. Church	44.00
	North Haven Congregational Church	22.00
	St. Mary's Church	25.00
	Christ Church	14.99
	Congregational Church and Society, West Haven	14.10
	Wm. D. Whitney	10.00
	A Friend50
	Broad Avenue Congregational Church	11.00
	D. B. Criswell & Co.	25.00

\$2,001.75

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The General Hospital Society of Connecticut,

In account with LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, Treasurer.

1882	Dr.		
	To assets of judicial commission paid.....	\$35,310.84	
Jan. 8.	To Amount paid for 50 shares New Haven Co. Nat. Bank stock,	902.50	
May 2.	To Amount paid for 1 bond of New Haven & Derby R. R. Co.,	515.77	
July 26.	To Amount paid for note secured by 100 shares N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co.,	2,000.00	
Dec. 12.	To Balance to new account.....	531.11	
			\$41,520.22

1883	Cr.		
Jan. 1.	By balance old account.....	\$402.19	
	By Saturday and Sunday collections 1881, as by term.....	2,063.22	
	By Amount received from J. H. Starkweather, Sept., ..	28,050.48	

1885			
Jan. 5.	By Interest on 4,000 City of New Haven bonds.....	\$100.00	
	By Dividend on 100 shares Merchants Nat. Bank stock.....	175.00	
	By Dividend on 25 shares Second Nat. Bank stock,	100.00	
15.	By Dividend on Bridgeport Electric Light Co. Stock,	20.00	
Mar. 17.	By Proceeds of Charity Ball.....	1,917.71	
24.	By 6 months interest to March 15, 1885, on Town of New Haven note, \$5,000.....	125.00	
Apr. 11.	By Dividend 600 shares N. H. Co. Nat. Bank stock,	261.50	
	By Dividend 150 shares Yale Nat. Bank stock.....	525.00	
15.	By Dividend 40 shares Bridgeport Elec. Light Co.,	20.00	
May 2.	By 6 months interest to May 2, 1885, on Jersey City bonds.....	35.00	
10.	By 6 months interest to May 5, 1885, on Town of New Haven note, \$15,000.....	375.00	
June 8.	By 6 months interest to Dec. 2, 1885, on M. C. & H. W. F. Monahan note.....	125.00	

July 1.	By Interest on \$4000 City of New Haven bonds...	\$109.99
	By Dividend on 28 shares Second Nat. Bank stock...	120.00
	By Dividend on 100 shares Merch. Nat. Bank stock...	175.00
7.	By Donation from Lynde Garrison.....	5.00
15.	By Dividend Bridgeport Electric Light Co.....	29.00
Aug. 15.	By Surrender of right to subscribe to R. I. Co.....	47.50
Sept. 20.	By 6 months interest to Sept. 25, 1897, on Town of New Haven \$5,000 note.....	125.00
Oct. 11.	By Dividend 200 shares N. H. Co. Nat. Bank stock...	207.00
	By Dividend 150 shares Yale Nat. Bank stock....	150.00
17.	By Dividend Bridgeport Electric Light Co.....	29.00
Nov. 1.	By Interest on Janney City \$1,000 note.....	35.00
11.	By 6 months interest on Town of New Haven \$15,000 note.....	375.00
Dec. 18.	By 6 months interest on M. C. & H. W. R. Mutual note.....	125.00
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		\$5,252.49
May 11.	By Donation from Mrs. Ann S. Varian for new building.....	7,000.00
Dec. 15.	By Note of Society on demand.....	1,000.00
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		\$14,252.49

IMPROVEMENT FUND OF GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY.

As received of Mr. LEONARD S. HITCHCOCK, Treasurer.

1897.	Dr.	
	To order to Revue & Co.....	\$178.87
	New Haven Steam Heating Co....	20.00
	The Crown & Franklin Stone Co.....	19.00
	Green & Amodeo.....	11.50
	Four Sterling.....	5.00
	E. A. Clifford.....	5.15
	Robert Morgan.....	74.50
	E. V. & A. E. Foxford.....	300.00
1897.	To order to The Hospital Supply Co.....	1,000.00
	250.00
	New Haven Steam Heating Co.....	27.52
	George Rockwell.....	204.81
1898.	Jan. 1. Balance to new account.....	50.00
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		\$2,787.56

1887.		Cr.	
Jan. 1.	By balance old account.....	\$1,785.34	
	2. By collection by C. B. Sargent, Agent.....	500.00	
Feb. 18.	By donation from H. M. Welch, laboratory.....	28.44	
	" James E. English, ".....	38.00	
	" T. H. Bishop, ".....	35.00	
	" Timothy Dwight, ".....	28.00	
	" Geo. H. Watson, ".....	15.00	
Apr. 1.	" D. Cady Bates, laundry.....	28.00	
7.	" A. Friend, ".....	150.00	
May 13.	" Prof. E. K. Salisbury, ".....	50.00	
	" Mrs. K. E. Atwater, ".....	10.00	
25.	" T. Ketchum, ".....	50.00	
	" Eugene S. Bond, ".....	10.00	
28.	" W. B. Fenn, ".....	25.00	
June 1.	" E. S. Whalley, ".....	10.00	
5.	" Cash, ".....	10.00	
25.	" W. W. Garrison, ".....	30.00	
27.	" Cash, ".....	5.00	
July 8.	" H. P. Frost, ".....	5.00	
	" G. A. Root, ".....	5.00	
	" H. C. Warren, ".....	5.00	
14.	" E. A. Gosner, ".....	5.00	
17.	" A. Friend, ".....	25.00	
18.	" Wm. Atwater, ".....	100.00	
	" S. R. Baldwin, ".....	100.00	
19.	" E. S. Gossely, ".....	25.00	
19.	" T. H. Bishop, ".....	5.00	
		<hr/> \$2,169.54	

1888.

Jan. 1. By balance to new account (Improvement Fund)..... \$55.54

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD S. HOTCHKISS, Treasurer.

NEW HAVEN, January 2, 1888.

We have examined the foregoing accounts of Leonard S. Hotchkiss, Treasurer, one with "General Hospital Society," and one with the "Improvement Fund" of said Society, and have compared all the payments charged in said accounts with the vouchers therefor, and find the same correct; and that on the first day of January, 1888, there was in the New Haven County National Bank to his credit as Treasurer of the General Fund \$34 $\frac{11}{16}$ dollars, and as Treasurer of the Improvement Fund the further sum of 55 $\frac{5}{16}$ dollars.

And we also find that he has in his possession the following securities and property belonging to said Society, viz:

4 bonds of the City of New Haven, par	\$ 4,000.00
430 shares New Haven County National Bank stock, par	5,900.00
100 shares Merchants National Bank stock, par	3,000.00
20 shares Second National Bank stock (New Haven), par	5,000.00
150 shares Yale National Bank stock (New Haven), par	15,000.00
1 7 per cent. bond Jersey City Improvement Fund (registered), par	1,000.00
1 note of the Town of New Haven, 5 per cent.	10,000.00
1 note of the Town of New Haven, 5 per cent.	5,000.00
1 note of M. C. & E. W. K. Mason (secured by mortgage)	3,000.00
1 note secured by 100 shares of New York & New Jersey Telephone Co. stock	1,000.00
1 bond of New Haven & Derby R. R. Co.	500.00
60 shares of Bridgeport Electric Light Co. stock, par	1,000.00

DANIEL THURBERGER, {
HENRY D. WHITE, { Attorneys

REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS.

NEW HAVEN, CT., January 16, 1888.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Visitors herewith submits its annual report concerning those matters which come under its supervision.

The usual visits and inspections have been made by the members of the Board, and we take pleasure in testifying that fewer causes for complaint have existed than at any time since we have acted in the capacity of Visitors.

We have investigated the reports and complaints concerning autopsies, and the rights and manner of holding them. The Board has already made public, and has communicated to the Prudential Committee, the results of its deliberations. It is sufficient to say, in brief, that the complaints which have been made have in all cases been founded on misunderstanding of the law and the rights of the coroner governing autopsies. No further trouble is anticipated in this respect, because of recent legislation which regulates this matter.

The efforts made by this Board to improve the facilities for preparing food for the patients, to which reference was made in our last annual report, have been pronounced a great success; and the expenditures made have been instrumental in lessening work in the culinary department, and in decreasing the number of complaints, giving great comfort and satisfaction to the managers of that portion of the work.

The Board has sustained a great loss during the past year in the resignation and removal of the Rev. J. O. Peck, D.D., by whose efficient services much of our work has been suggested and carried forward. His withdrawal has caused a vacancy which has been much regretted by his associates.

A vacancy having arisen in the Board during the past year by the removal of one of its members, and the same being true in the preceding year, and in view of the difficulty of getting a quorum of this Board together, which has at times been experienced, also in view of the importance of frequent and stated visitation, we take the liberty to advise and recommend an increase in the number of members constituting the Board of Visitors, and suggest that the Society be asked to appoint nine instead of six as heretofore.

We further suggest that the day known as "Hospital Sunday" for the collections in churches be changed to a different season of the year, as likely to result in larger donations.

If we may venture to reiterate the opinion, we would say, that, in our judgment, the Hospital with its equipments is doing an immeasurable amount of good. From our knowledge of its workings we most cordially commend it as deserving the most liberal support from a generous public.

We record with pleasure the uniform courtesy extended by the officers of this institution, and the expressed willingness to carry out any suggestions whereby the comfort of the patients may in any way be increased. And we desire to express our appreciation of the coöperation by the Prudential Committee, the Superintendent of the Hospital, and the Nurses, in carrying out all suggestions for the best interest of this institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. B. DOWERS,
MAX ADLER,
PATRICK MAHER,
E. E. BRADLEY,
C. E. WOODCOCK, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF LADY VISITORS.

To the Prædial Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Lady Visitors herewith submits its annual report. The members of the Board have continued their weekly visits of inspection to the Hospital. Far fewer complaints as regards food and cooking have been heard this year than last. More than one patient has said to a member of the Board, "I did not want to come to the Hospital, but if I were to be taken sick again I should come here the first thing. We have such good care." Many of the patients have spoken most warmly of the kind and skillful services of the nurses, and have wondered at their untiring patience. Thought is also taken to try and brighten the dullness of life within hospital walls. The library has been rearranged, the dilapidated books discarded, and their places filled by others in good condition. The books are a great source of pleasure to many, and it would be well if the library could be furnished with a still larger number of light, amusing, stories. The Christmas tree with its heavily laden branches bearing fruit for every patient is another source of pleasure. It seems but right to mention that Mrs. S. E. Barrett has for several years undertaken the arduous task of making the Christmas purchases and assigning a gift for every patient,—a by no means easy task. Those who so generously provide the funds for the Christmas entertainment should see the pleasure that their bounty gives, and especially the bright eager faces of the children. We regret that the veranda for the Mammoth patients, suggested in our last report, could not be built last summer, but we confidently expect to see it begun this spring. It gives us pleasure to testify to the faithfulness of the Superintendent, Mr. Starkweather, in the discharge of his arduous duties, and also to express our appreciation of the services rendered by the very efficient head nurse, Miss L. M. Crooker, and her corps of trained nurses. We do not see how the Hospital could prosper without them.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MARY T. EVERETT, *Chairman*,
MAY R. JAY DeBOIS, *Secretary*

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

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2. The nursing is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. The ordinary charge per week for accommodation in the wards is \$4.00 which includes medicine and surgical attendance, nursing with medicines, washing and dressing.

4. Private rooms are furnished at \$15.00 or more per week, according to the requirements of the case.

5. Persons partly supported by the norms in which they reside and partly by the State appropriations, are admitted on an order from the court authorities. These patients are received at \$4.00 per week.

6. Soldiers enrolled in the State quota in the city war, or in the quota of other States, if residents of Connecticut at the time of enrollment, and who, therefore, are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability, under the Act of the General Assembly of 1878, 1892 and 1904.

7. Patients whose support is provided for from the military hospital fund are admitted on the order of collector in the port of New Haven.

8. Persons received directly in the hospital from the place of an accident are admitted gratuitously.

9. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

10. *Insane persons and those suffering from contagious diseases are not admitted.*

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In consideration of the admission of _____ of _____ into the Hospital of the Connecticut Hospital Society of Connecticut, at New Haven, I engage to provide, or see to, a sufficient amount of clothing for _____ and pay to the treasurer of said institution _____ dollars per week for board, medicine and medical attendance, and to cause said patient to be removed when discharged, without expense for said medicine, and, in the event of death, to pay the expense of burial.

Principal

For behoof thereof I hereby engage to become responsible for the fulfillment of the above stipulations.

Secretary

APPENDIX.

CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Training School for Nurses has been established for thirteen years. At first the number of pupils was limited to six; within two years it was increased to eleven, then to fourteen, and these not being sufficient to meet the many demands for special and continuous attention which critical cases required, the Prudential Committee raised the number to seventeen in 1880, to nineteen in 1882, and to twenty-three in 1883. In 1884 the number was made to depend upon the number of patients in the Hospital, and averaged during the past year with the head nurse and assistant thirty-two and one quarter. The pupils remain in the Hospital for one year and pursue their studies and daily routine of work under the superintendence of the head nurse. Each nurse is assigned to one ward or department for several weeks, and in the course of a year has studied surgical, medical, and obstetrical nursing, and also the preparation of special dishes suitable for invalids and convalescents. Symptom records are kept which enable the physician to ascertain the varied phases of the disease, since he has seen the patient.

At the close of the year of study the nurse has a vacation of one month, and then returns to take for six months such cases of private practice as shall be assigned to her. Her home is in the Hospital, when her services are not called for elsewhere, and the school pays for all the nurses there in excess of the number allowed.

The Hospital authorities appreciate most highly the advantages of having this school established here. Those who enter it either have a special gift for nursing or, with a true spirit of self-sacrifice, have devoted themselves to the noble work of ministering to others; consequently the duties of that department are performed more faithfully and more skillfully than in former years, when it was thought that strength was the only requisite in a nurse.

Those wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the Secretary of the school, when, if approved by the executive committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the Hospital. The candidates must be over twenty-four and under forty years of age, and must present a certificate from a clergyman and physician as to their good moral character and sound health. They will be received for one month on probation and without compensation.

Information concerning the school will be furnished by the President, Vice-President, or other members of the executive committee.

Pupils are received from any State.

Applications for admission should be made as early as possible to the Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Jenkins, Agricultural Station, New Haven.

Physicians or others in any part of the State desiring to secure the services of trained nurses for men or women, medical or surgical patients, should apply by telegraph or letter, stating the nature of the case, to the Superintendent of Nursing, New Haven Hospital.

The price per week for services of a trained nurse is \$12.00 in and \$15.00 out of the State, unless two members of the family are ill at the same time, when there will be a slight additional charge. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the public that it is more economical and safer for the patient to employ a reliable nurse, than to indulge in a natural but misplaced sentiment, which sacrifices the strength of an entire family in the case of one invalid member.

CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

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NURSES' HOME.

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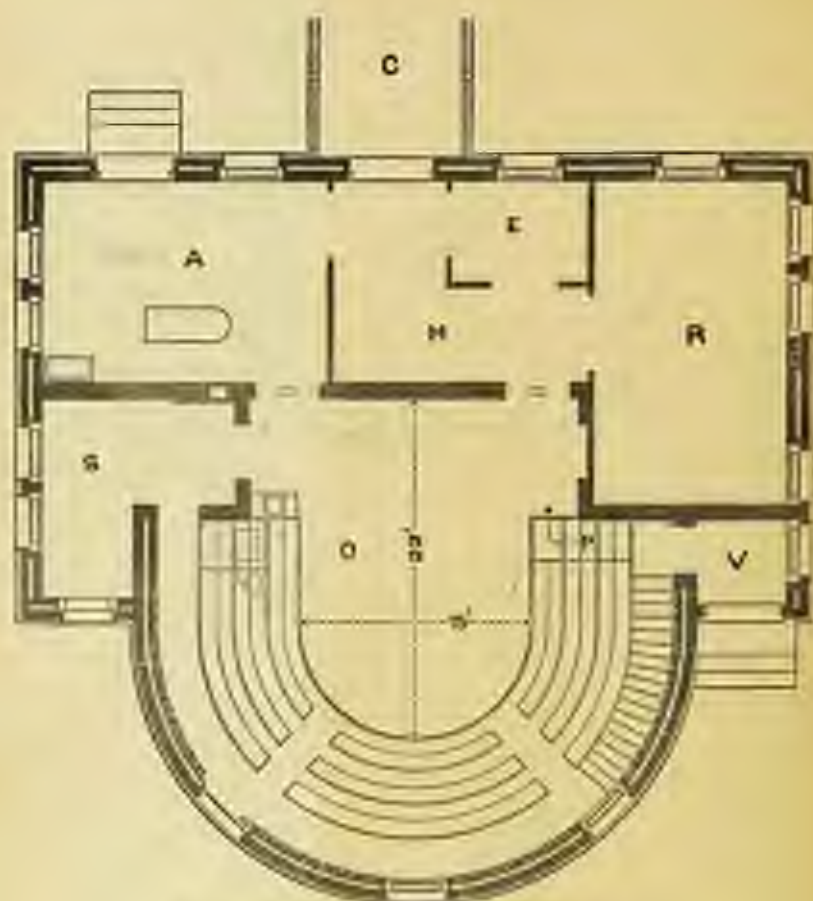


EASTERN VIEW OF NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL.



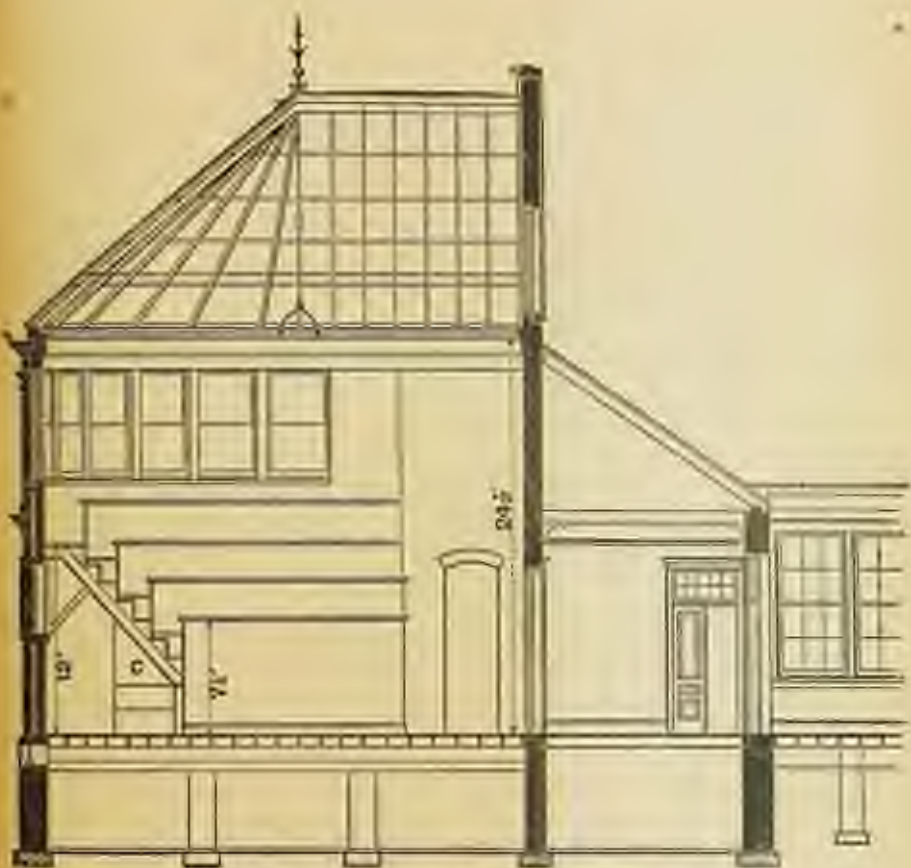
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Ground Plan of George Brown Farm Ward

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| D. Operating theatre. | V. Vestibule to students' entrance. |
| S. Bergin's mortuuary room. | P. Passage-way to relief. |
| E. Accident room. | H. Hall. |
| R. Recovery room. | F. Operating room. |
| C. Corridor connecting with main building. | |



Cross-Section of George Brown Furnace Ward

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY

OF

CONNECTICUT,

For the Year 1888.

Presented at the Annual Meeting, January 11st, 1889.

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2. The nursing is performed by the Connecticut Training School for Nurses.

3. The ordinary charge per week for accommodation in the wards is \$5.00, which includes medical and surgical attendance, together with medicine, nursing and washing.

4. Private rooms are furnished at \$15.00 or more per week, according to the requirements of the case.

5. Persons partly supported by the towns in which they reside and partly by the State appropriations, are admitted on an order from the town authorities. Town patients are received at \$5.00 per week.

6. Soldiers enrolled on the State quota in the late war, or in the quotas of other States if residents of Connecticut at the time of enlistment, and now residents, are admitted as State patients, to receive treatment for wounds or disability, until the Acts of the General Assembly of 1878, 1882 and 1884.

7. Sailors whose support is provided for from the marine hospital fund are admitted on the order of collector of the port of New Haven.

8. Persons carried directly to the hospital from the place of an accident are admitted immediately.

9. A written history of the case should be sent with the patient.

10. Acute persons and those suffering from contagious diseases are not admitted.

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1889.

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Thomas Hooker, from Jan. 28, 1892.	Henry F. English, from Dec. 3, 1896.
Robert Ogden Dallas, from Feb. 7, 1892.	Maria S. Greeley, from July 15, 1897.
Edward F. Kernick, from Jan. 29, 1893.	Mrs. F. E. Dexter, from Jan. 3, 1898.
John C. Hollister, from Feb. 3, 1893.	D. D. Ottensmeyer & Co., from Feb. 3, 1898.
Frank E. Beckwith, from Jan. 24, 1894.	W. D. Whitney, from Feb. 10, 1898.
Rev. Geo. H. Griffing, from Jan. 31, 1895.	Robert Morgan, from Jan. 16, 1899.
Dr. Thos. H. Russell, from Jan. 25, 1895.	

*Deceased.

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FREE BEDS IN PERPETUITY.

A donation of \$5,000 entitles the donor, his heirs and assigns, to nominate patients to a free bed for one hundred years, or during the lives of any three persons whom he may nominate.

A donation of \$2,500 entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed, for six months in each year, for one hundred years, or during the lives of any three persons whom he may nominate: or to nominate patients to a free bed during his life.

A donation of \$1,000 entitles the donor to nominate patients to a free bed, for any three months in each year during his life.

FREE BED FUND.

1874—Berry Farm,	\$5,000
1874—Wilcox Park,	5,000
1874—James E. English,	5,000
1875—Ellen M. Gifford,	5,000
1881—St—Henry Bureau,	10,000
1883—The Thanksgiving Free Bed,	5,000
1883—The Row A. Porter Free Bed,	1,000
1883—The Henry Bucklin Memorial Free Bed,	5,000
1886—The Dwight Place Society Free Bed,	5,500
1888—W. O. Armstrong,	5,000
1888—The Mary Webster Southgate Trywbridge Memorial Free Bed,	5,000
1886—The Trinity Church Free Bed,	2,500
1888—The Dr. Thomas Wells Memorial Free Bed,	2,500
1888—The Home for the Friendless Free Bed,	2,500
1888—The Mary F. Wade Free Bed of Trinity Church,	5,000

PERMANENT FUND.

1871—Dress Lined,	\$5,000
1875—Nelson A. Hotchkiss,	5,000
1885—Mary A. Miller,	1,000

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors has the honor to submit to the General Hospital Society of Connecticut the sixty-second annual report of the workings of the Hospital for the year 1888 as prepared by the Prudential Committee:

The total number of patients under treatment for the year was 871, an increase of 31 over that of last year. The largest number in any one day was 125, the smallest 86; the daily average was $103\frac{1}{2}$ patients, practically identical with that of last year. The number of new patients admitted was 772, being the largest number admitted in any one year so far as the annual reports record, except in the year 1884 when 780 were admitted. There were remaining in the Hospital on December 31st, 1888, 110.

The financial exhibit of this year is but little better than that of 1887. The current expenses were $\$46,705\frac{1}{2}$, the earnings, including the State appropriation of $\$1000$, were $\$31,180\frac{1}{2}$, an excess of expenses of $\$15,524\frac{1}{2}$. This deficiency has been partly met by income from invested funds of $\$1675\frac{1}{2}$, by Hospital Sunday Contributions of $\$1986\frac{1}{2}$, by receipts from the Charity Ball of $\$1628\frac{1}{2}$, in all $\$8294\frac{1}{2}$, leaving about $\$1210$ deficiency in the income of the year. It must be borne in mind that the Hospital Sunday Contributions of a year ago were largely drawn on to pay the bills of the preceding year, and therefore it has been necessary to use about $\$2600$ of this year's Hospital Sunday Contributions for the bills of this year just closed. Instead of beginning the year with the contribution in bank, as was the case up to two years ago, we have already spent almost the entire amount. By authority of the Directors, the Prudential Committee borrowed $\$2600$ last summer which, however, has been paid within the last few days.

That this deficiency has not been brought about by increased expenses is shown by the fact that the total expenses have been but $\$165$ less; the weekly cost of each patient has been $\$2.39\frac{1}{2}$, being one cent per week per patient less than last year, and the daily cost of food for inmates has been $27\frac{1}{2}$ cents, being $1\frac{1}{2}$

cents less than last year, and less than for eight years previously. Bearing in mind that the daily average number of patients is practically the same in the two years, two conclusions are to be drawn; first, that the expenses cannot be materially reduced without curtailing the efficiency of the hospital service, and second, that some means must be adopted, if it is expected to keep the Hospital out of debt, to increase either the earnings or the invested funds, or both.

The number of weeks of hospital residence was 5406½. By reference to the table of weeks occupied by the different classes of patients as shown by the Superintendent's statistics appended, and dividing them into remunerative, or those whose weekly payments approximate the expense of keeping them, i. e. \$4 per week or over, and the unremunerative or those taken at a loss;—we find that the former class occupied 1930½ weeks, that they cost \$14,276½, (while they actually paid but \$13,191½,) and that the unremunerative class occupied 3476½ weeks, that they cost \$23,719½, while the Hospital received but \$17,507½, including in this the State appropriation of \$5000, supposed to cover this loss, but which did not meet the amount expended by \$3211½. A certain but small proportion of this is, however, covered by the income derived from the Free Bed fund. The injustice of saddling the charitable people of New Haven and vicinity with this large demand, which is a legitimate debt from the towns, has been commented upon by Prof. Farnam and his successors, on the Prudential Committee. By increasing the charge to the class of self-paying patients and to the towns one dollar a week each, making the former pay seven dollars a week, the same as the U. S. Marine Hospital patients, and the latter five dollars a week, it would relieve us in a great measure from a constantly increasing difficulty.

During the year the Prudential Committee increased the price of the private rooms from \$12 per week to \$15; the amount received from this source has increased from \$1985½ in 1887 to \$2485½ in 1888.

The balance of cash on hand and in bank after paying all bills for current expenses, was, when the account was closed on Jan. 25th, \$1188½. The Hospital Sunday contributions to that date were \$1278½, of which \$590½ had been used to pay bills of last quarter. \$135½ of the bank balance is the uninvested remainder of the permanent or Free Bed fund.

Referring to the details of the expenditures as shown in the Superintendent's financial statement, it will be seen that the amount paid for food is less than last year, as also shown above in the diminished price for food per patient; further reference to the quarterly reports already laid before your Board, shows that this saving has been during the last three-quarters since a change in the housekeeper has been made. We are satisfied that this has been obtained without any sacrifice of quality, and that the cooking is better than formerly. This improvement is greatly due to the new range given and put into the kitchen by the liberality of our President, Lieut.-Gov. S. E. Merwin.

Nearly 120 tons more of coal has been used this year, and as the price in the early part of the year, when the most was brought, was higher, the cost for the year is nearly \$700 more. As the hospital enlarges, there is a constantly increased demand for more power and heat. As it is now, there is a considerable waste owing to the great number and distribution of the fires, of which there are eleven almost constantly going during the winter and three more occasionally. Some saving has been made by changing the grate bars under the main high pressure boiler and substituting washed pea coal at a less cost of \$1.50 per ton, and also by utilizing the heat of the steam from the exhaust of the high pressure boiler for heating the water for the wards. It still, however, remains the third largest item of expense, and it is evident that if the first expense could be met, a very considerable yearly saving could be made by having all the fires, except the cooking ranges, combined in a single boiler house with larger boilers and fewer fires. From a hygienic point of view it would also be a great gain if the cellars which are now used for the storage of coal could be cleaned up and made as they should be, a part of the ventilation system as reservoirs of clean, fresh air, as the Committee saw arranged in the Hospital at Cambridge, Massachusetts, and is employed in many of the school buildings in that neighborhood.

On the first of August the New Haven Water Company placed a water meter upon the supply pipe and has charged for the amount used, instead of a fixed price as before; this has increased the water bill from \$180 to about \$400 per year.

The continued interest which the community of New Haven take in the Hospital is a source of great satisfaction to the management, and manifests itself in various ways. Besides the

two semi-official Boards of Visitors, whose reports are to be submitted to you and whose suggestions for their disinterestedness should have weight, the Hospital Aid Society, a voluntary organization having for its objects the preparation and supply of garments for the patients, has been working for the Hospital for two years. Its second annual report will be presented for your consideration. Its aim is most praiseworthy and is carried out in a thoroughly practical and business-like manner.

The members of the Board of Lady Visitors, impressed with the need of a piazza on the third floor, raised the money, amounting to about \$275, necessary to build a verandah upon the roof of the corridor, connecting the wards with the administration building. This structure, about 16 x 30 feet, roofed over and enclosed by an open railing and supplied with awnings, is of great comfort and usefulness to the patients on that floor, several of whom absolutely bed-ridden and others unable to do more than to get about in wheeled chairs can now be carried out on suitable days and enjoy the pure air and sunshine and enjoy the very beautiful prospect obtainable from its elevated situation. It has certainly been a wise and charitable expenditure of money.

Five thousand dollars (\$5000) has been given to establish the "Mary P. Wade free bed" of Trinity Church, and twenty-five hundred (\$2500) to establish the "Home for the Friendless free bed."

Mrs. Henry Farnum has also added seven shares of the Bridgeport Electric Light Company Stock to that of the same already given.

A friend of the Hospital, whose name is by request withheld from publication, furnished the money to buy an Ambulance for the exclusive use of the Hospital. Much annoyance had been experienced on all sides, in being obliged to depend upon the Police and Almshouse Ambulances, with their foreign service and other duties, so that it was a most acceptable gift. It has been in use for two months, and is found admirably arranged in all its appointments—the donor may be assured that it is very useful to the Hospital and of great comfort to those unhappily requiring its aid.

The Hospital Sunday contributions for the year 1890 promise to be more liberal than usual—last year the whole amount contributed was \$2986.23—this year to date, Jan. 30th, \$3010.72 has already been forwarded to the Treasurer, with many who have

formerly helped still to be heard from. So far as a comparison may be made, not only are there more, both individual and parochial contributions, but the amounts in each case are almost uniformly greater. By the financial exhibit already submitted, however, it is plain that all and more will be required to meet the current expenses.

The Managers of the Charity Ball, which has been held for the past two years, have again commenced arrangements for one to be held this year on February 20th, and have voted to contribute the net proceeds to the Hospital. It bids fair to be as successful as in previous years.

For a detailed description of the building recently finished, erected by the liberality of Mrs. Henry Farnam in memory of her oldest son the late Dr. George Benson Farnam, we must refer to the Report of the Medical Board herewith presented. We can but express our gratitude for the generosity, and our appreciation of the fitness of form which the Memorial finally took, and we cannot forbear mentioning in this connection the services of the son and brother, our late colleague on the Prudential Committee, Prof. Henry W. Farnam, who as Chairman of the Building Committee was indefatigable in carrying out the plans of Mrs. Farnam, and who united with her in equipping the building throughout with every appliance of aseptic instrument case, bedsteads, beds, linen, tables and chairs necessary or even desirable, until we can but report it as the most complete building of the kind that we know.*

The Health Officer of the City of New Haven has recently in an official communication stated that there is a great and increasing necessity for a hospital or wards for contagious diseases in the City. While our responsibility for the care of those admitted to the Hospital free from such diseases, prevents us from exposing them to the danger of contagion by admitting any of that class of diseases to our present wards, we as well as the Health Officer have been painfully aware of the same necessity not only among the poor but also among those well-to-do. It is worthy of consideration whether by reason of our situation and facilities we could not make some arrangement with the Board of Health to that end. Such a scheme would require great care in its details to be efficacious in itself in the treatment of such cases, in not

*As a matter of interest to those contemplating a similar building we give in the Appendix on page 29 the details of the cost of building and furnishing.

spreading the diseases to those already in our charge, in having the proper authority and discipline over the patients and in securing the proper attendance. It is certainly not to be lightly undertaken, but if properly carried out it would be of great service to the City and enlarge the usefulness of the Hospital.

In conclusion, the Board of Directors through the Prudential Committee takes pleasure in acknowledging the faithfulness of Mr. Starkweather and the other officers of the Hospital. The Training School for Nurses, under the efficient superintendence of Miss L. M. Croemer, continues its acceptable work and daily demonstrates the wisdom of introducing the system into the Hospital. The Boards of Visitors have made many valuable suggestions. Several clergymen have taken turns in holding religious services in the Chapel and in otherwise ministering to the sick, and hymns have been sung by a volunteer quartette every Sunday afternoon in the wards.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CARMALT.
THOMAS HOOKER.
ELI WHITNEY, JR.

January 31, 1886.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

To the Board of Directors of the New Haven Hospital:

GENTLEMEN:—By direction of the Medical Board, the annual statement of the medical, surgical, and gynecological work of the Hospital for the year, is herewith respectfully submitted. Of the work itself, resembling in all its details that of previous years, it is not necessary to say more than that it was faithfully and conscientiously performed. There has been an unusual demand on the service of the medical attendants during the summer months, on account of the large number of typhoid fever cases, which had to be cared for in the isolating wards. Most of these were sent to the Hospital in the worst possible condition and stage of the disease; this accounts in some measure for the large mortality as shown in the tables. The nursing, upon which so much of the well doing of the patients depends, has been entirely satisfactory.

The most important event during the year to the Medical Board has been the completion of the new operating ward, the gift to the Hospital of Mrs. Henry Farman, as a Memorial to her son, Geo. B. Farman, M.D., our late colleague. This building and the purpose for which it was erected make it a fitting and enduring monument, for one who was deeply interested in all the work of the Hospital, and who served it faithfully so long as he was able. It redounds to the credit of the donor that no pains or expense has been spared, to make it complete and thorough in every detail. It satisfies a most pressing want in the Hospital arrangements, for not only was the old operating room quite inadequate for the use to which it was forced, but it also supplies a convenient accident room, removed from the most unpleasant and awkward surroundings of the former room, which was in immediate contact with the kitchen, and from which patients had to be carried through the open air to whatever place it afterwards became necessary to remove them.

The new structure is not only an ornamental addition to the Hospital building, but it may well be taken as a model in the perfection of its details and equipment. By reference to the plans shown at the beginning of this report, it will be seen that the building occupies a space of about 50 x 50 ft. It consists of one large operating room or theatre (O) with three other main rooms in immediate and easy access to it. These are a receiving room for accidents (A), a recovery room after operations (R), and a surgeon's consulting and retiring room (S). Access to the building from the Hospital proper is by a well-lighted and warmed corridor (C), which opens into a hall (H), from which is partitioned off a small etherizing room (E), in which those patients who come for operation from the Hospital wards may be anesthetized before entering the operating theatre. The entrance for students is from the outside by a separate door and vestibule (V), from which stairs ascend to the rear of the seats. These are capable of seating comfortably about 70 persons; are in three tiers rising rather abruptly one above and behind the other at an angle of 48 degrees from the floor, and arranged in a horseshoe-shaped curve around the central arena devoted to the operation itself. The first seat is about 6 ft. from the floor of the operating theatre, bringing the eyes of the observer about 8½ ft. from it, and as the diameter of the curve of the arena is 15 ft., this brings the operating table itself in the most complete view without in any way obstructing the freedom of the surgeon and attendants. This whole room is covered by a glass skylight rising to 10 ft. at the peak of the roof, but the peak itself is shut off by another flat glass ceiling, extending at the eaves over the whole of the room, 24½ ft. from the floor. Around the outside wall above the rear seats are as many windows as proper architectural construction will allow. By these arrangements the greatest possible amount of light is obtained. The arena for the operating surgeon is 15 ft. in diameter, as stated, in one direction, by 22 ft.: the rear portion of this extends across the ends of the seats to be 20 ft. in length and is connected by wide doors with the accident room and hall, and immediately from the latter with the recovery room. In this portion, against the rear wall, is placed the aseptic-instrument case, made entirely of glass and metal. Over this is placed a bronze tablet with the following inscription in raised letters:

This Building has been erected
By MRS. HENRY FARNAM as a MEMORIAL
To her son,
GEORGE BRIDGTON FARNAM, M.D.,

Who faithfully served this Hospital as Attending Physician and Surgeon from 1873 to 1881, and through cut off from professional activity during the remainder of his life by painful illness, never ceased to further its interests and to minister to the sufferings of others.

He was born Aug. 31, 1841, in New Haven, where he died Dec. 22, 1888.

Above this is a large portrait of Dr. Farnam.

At one end of this space is a deep sink with cold and hot-water faucets and over it a Fletcher's instantaneous water heater, by which a small quantity of water may be obtained boiling hot in one minute. At the other end, in a niche in the wall, is contained shelves for holding bottles for sponges, etc. From one side of the arena a light iron crane swings, carrying the irrigating solutions to any part of the operating field, and around this arena also, in the most easy access to the surgeon's hand are small closets, in the space under the seats, to contain the bandages, trays, ether, ligatures, emergency medicines, etc., required during an operation. The surgical staff desire here to testify to their appreciation, of the successful carrying out of the objects of the building and the aims of the donor.

The accident room (A), 18 ft. x 13 ft., is entered from without by wide double doors up to which the ambulance can be backed, protected by a small roof extending over body of the ambulance. The rolling bed of the ambulance can be projected directly into the room and the patient moved to the examining table with the least degree of disturbance. The top of the examining table is composed of a frame containing a flat sheet iron Gold's patent radiator through which by a connection with the hot water faucet a stream of hot water may be passed. This radiator is covered by a thinly-padded mattress upon which the patient lies. By this arrangement a patient in a state of collapse or shock may have warmth applied with the least possible delay and trouble, to exactly the right place, i. e., along the spinal cord, a very great improvement over the usual hot-water bottles from which accidents occasionally arise. So far as known this method is unique to this Hospital. The examining table is arranged for wheels for the legs at one end, and has movable handles at the other, so that it is at once moveable and steady. A porcelain-lined bath tub and sink are also in this room.

The recovery room (R), 20 ft. \times 12 ft., at the opposite end of the building is capable of holding three beds, and is intended for patients recovering from the immediate effects of an anæsthetic or in extreme cases where further movement would be perilous, they may remain longer.

The floor of this whole building is laid in asphalt so that it may be flushed and washed; in the operating theatre it drains to a central grating under the operating table which empties into a receptacle in the cellar not connected with the sewer. The walls of the theatre are of brick and painted four coats of a light buff color. The walls of the remaining rooms are finished in soap-stone plaster, which with the painted bricks allows of their being washed and scrubbed with soap or other disinfectant solution if necessary.

From the surgeon's consulting room a door leads into the space underneath the seats which is utilized by closets for the supplies of linen, blankets, towels, etc., which are kept exclusively for this ward.

The acquisition of this elaborate addition to the surgical department of the Hospital brings prominently to the mind of the Medical Board the inadequacy of the purely medical appliances in the Hospital armamentarium. To the physician, there arises the constant regret that so much is lacking to make this department even moderately equipped for the proper scientific prosecution of his work. We have now a laboratory but there will have to be added many instruments and considerable apparatus to make it worthy of its name.

It is impossible to state in detail these great and growing deficiencies; a few pressing needs must suffice. We have no microscope adapted to the detection of the presence of micro-organisms, which may be absolutely necessary for establishing the diagnosis in certain cases, notably in tubercular disease. We have no instruments for determining the richness of the blood in corpuscular elements or in hemoglobin when such an examination may be of the greatest service in discriminating between different kinds of anæmia, yielding indications for treatment and showing its effects.

The absence of a galvanometer makes any accurate electrical examination impossible. There is no portable galvanic battery for the use of private patients.

We have no perimater for mapping out defects in the field of vision, no direct vision ophthalmoscope for examining the fundus of the eye, and yet such examinations have guided to the correct localization of cerebral disease and determination of its character, made possible the saving of life and prevented useless or dangerous treatment. Nor have we any instruments for the determination of errors of refraction or disorders of innervation of the muscles moving the eyeball, affections which may produce considerable general disturbance as well as ocular trouble.

The sphygmograph and the sphygmomanometer are wanting, although the evidence which they afford of the condition of the circulation and its changes is of great value.

These are among the most important deficiencies. With the growth of the medical art its possibilities and needs increase, and its methods become more refined and more extensively instrumental. If the hospital on its medical side is to be something more than a place where patients are fed and housed till they die or get well, it must seize on the facilities which the times afford for the selection of an accurately adapted treatment. Blind therapeutic experimenting which is carried on by the laity, by uncivilized nations and uneducated practitioners, and which is restricted by advanced medical education, is still further limited by every diagnostic resource of which the physician becomes possessed.

That the treatment may more accurately and quickly correspond to the requirements of each individual case, that the house and attending staff may be stimulated to more careful and extended study of the cases, and that the service of the Hospital may become more attractive to men who wish to learn, the Medical Board asks the Directors to seriously consider this great deficiency in what is necessary for successful work, hoping that their favorable consideration will not be looked for in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY FLEISCHNER,

Secretary of Med. Board.

MEDICAL CASES TREATED IN 1888.

Alcoholism.....	18	Jaundice.....	2
Anemia.....	1	Laryngitis.....	3
" splenic.....	2	Lumbago.....	3
Anæsthesia, facial.....	1	Lupus.....	1
" and analæsthesia of leg.....	1	Malaria.....	1
Anæsthesia, thoracic.....	1	Malignancy.....	3
Aortic regurgitation.....	8	Melancholia.....	1
Arthritis, rheumatoid.....	4	Meningitis, chronic.....	1
Arthrosis.....	3	" with serous meningitis.....	1
Asthma.....	5	Morphine habit.....	3
Ataxia, locomotor.....	1	Mitral stenosis.....	1
Bronchitis, acute.....	3	" regurgitation.....	8
" chronic.....	2	Myalgia.....	6
Carcinoma of liver.....	1	Myelitis.....	2
" oesophagus.....	1	Nasal catarrh.....	1
" stomach.....	2	Nephritis, acute.....	1
Cardiac dilatation.....	3	" chronic.....	6
" with mitral insufficiency.....	1	Nevus.....	2
Cardiac irritability.....	1	" facial.....	1
Cephalalgia, chronic.....	1	" intercostal.....	1
Cholera morbus.....	1	Nervousness.....	4
Cirrhosis of liver.....	2	Neuritis, peripheral.....	1
Constipation.....	1	" neuralgic.....	5
" chronic.....	1	Parosmiasis.....	1
Diphtheria.....	2	Paralysis agitans.....	1
Dysentery.....	3	" infantile.....	1
Dysuria, acute.....	5	Peritonitis.....	1
" chronic.....	5	Pharyngitis, acute.....	1
Dysentery, acute.....	3	Phthisis.....	67
" chronic.....	1	Pyloric ulcer.....	1
Eczema.....	5	Pneumonia, acute.....	2
Euphymania.....	1	" chronic.....	1
Euphoric.....	3	Pneumonia.....	15
Epilepsy.....	1	Polymorphous arsenical.....	2
Erysipelas, facial.....	1	" lead, chronic.....	4
Febriola.....	2	Pregnancy.....	13
Fever, intermittent.....	11	Premature birth.....	1
" typhoid.....	23	Pyæmia.....	1
Gastralgia.....	1	Rheumatism, acute.....	13
Gastroenteritis.....	1	" with acute.....	13
Gastritis, acute.....	2	" chronic.....	7
" chronic.....	1	Rabies.....	1
Glycosuria.....	1	Scabies.....	6
Gruva's disease.....	4	Scalds.....	4
Hæmiplegia.....	14	Tenonitis, follicular.....	3
Hysteria.....	1	Tumor, abdominal.....	2
" and Nephritis.....	1	" cerebral.....	1
Insanation.....	2	Typhitis.....	1
Insanity, alcoholic.....	1	Waxy liver.....	2
" amorous.....	1		
Intestinal obstruction.....	1	Total.....	385

LITTLE JOHNS: THE YEAR

January	1	August	3
February	1	October	1
March	3	December	1
May	1		
June	1	Total	11

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH H. TOWNSEND, M.D., Bone Physician

SURGICAL CASES TREATED DURING THE YEAR 1908.

Ablation of teeth	2	Chancroid and bubo	1
Abrasion of finger	2	" " gonorrhea	1
Abscess of abdominal wall	2	Circumflex contraction of hand	1
" axilla	2	Concussion of brain	6
" axilla	2	" " spine	2
" coccygeal	1	Conjunctivitis	4
" finger	1	Contusion of back	1
" fore-arm	1	" corpus cavernosum	1
" groin	2	" hip	1
" recto-rectal	2	" sacrum	1
" neck	6	Complete corneal staphyloma	1
" pleura	1	Crush of arm	2
" thigh	2	" finger	1
Angrisma of scaly	1	" forearm	1
Ankylosis of ankle	1	" foot	4
Arthritis, chronic	1	" hand	4
" of knee	2	" leg	2
Atrophy of optic nerve	1	" skull	1
Balanitis	1	" thumb	1
" and parophimosis	1	" toes	5
Burn of arm	1	Cystitis	1
" and thigh	2	Dermoid cyst	1
" body	3	Dislocation acromion, compound	1
" eyes	1	" fracture also	1
" and face	1	Dislocation ankle, compound	1
" hand	2	" forearm	1
" leg and chest	1	" of humerus	1
Turbitis, gonorrhoeal	1	" jaw	1
Cancerous cyst	1	Heteroplasia	1
Carcinoma of abdominal wall	1	Karyoma	1
" axilla	2	Nodularly possible	1
" breast	10	Roddydymia	16
" face	2	Rythidoma, clonic	1
" hand	1	" lip and penis	1
" inguinal lymphatics	1	Fistula, biliary	1
" intestine	1	" cysto-intestinal	1
" lip	1	" gluteal	1
" palate	2	" or ano	6
" rectum	1	Floating cartilage of knee	1
" tongue	1	Fracture base of skull	2
Caries of inferior maxilla	1	" outside	2
" palat bone	1	" " and concussion of	1
" mastoid process	1	" brain	1
" scapula	1	" fever	8
" tibia	1	" compound	2
Cataract	1	" fibrous	3
" secondary	1	" slow, compound commu-	1
Cellulitis	1	" nated	1

Varicose	1	Wound, incised at scalp and fracture	
Vesical calculus	3	of clavicle	1
" tumor	1	" thigh	1
Wound, contused, of back	2	" lateral arm	1
" chest	2	" cornea	2
" scalp	1	" ear	2
" and cheek	1	" face	1
" head	1	" fingers	4
" shoulder and hip	1	" hand	2
gun-shot of arm	1	" lip	1
" fractured	1	" scalp	5
" foot	1	" and face and	
" thumb of eye	1	" foot and finger	1
" leg and arm	1	" nose	1
" lip	1	" punctured at abdomen	1
" scalp	2		
" and fracture			
of ilium	1	Total	149

SURGICAL OPERATIONS DURING 1881.

Amputation of finger	2	Exploratory laparotomy	1
" foot	4	Excision of bullet in face	1
" forearm	2	" extensor	2
" leg	1	Hypoplasia and circumferential	1
" at shoulder joint	1	Iridectomy	6
" of thigh	2	Ligation brachial artery	1
" thumb	2	" hemorrhoids	1
" knee	1	" umbilicus	1
" upper arm	1	Lithotomy, lateral	1
Attempted iridectomy	1	Opening maxillary sinuses	1
" reduction of old subluxated		" maxillary process	1
" dislocation of humerus	1	Gastrostomy of frontal spinal valvula	1
Chondroplasty	1	Plastic operation for congenital con-	
Chondroplasty carcinoma of tongue	1	" traction of hand	1
" internal hemorrhoids	2	" for ectropion	1
Chondroplasty, surface of lip	1	Reduction subcutaneous dislocation of	
Circumcision	1	" humerus	2
Excision of skin on arm	2	Removal floating cartilage of knee	1
" and ligament		Resection of ribs	1
" of hemorrhoids	1	Scopostomy for removal of varicose	
" skin on thigh	1	" humerus	1
Excision of skin of neck	1	" irregular fracture	
" and in-		" ribs	1
" breast (ecthyma)	1	" necrosis of jaw	1
" of osseous	1	" teeth	1
Elevation of nose, fracture skull	1	" ribs	2
Excision of eye	3	" venereal fracture	
" and iridectomy	1	" of bone	2
" pyiform cyst	1	Scraping for caries of osseous	4
Excision carcinoma of breast	9	" femur	1
" inguinal lym-		" hip joint	1
" phatic	1	" for caries scapula	1
" axillary glands	2	" ribs	2
" tumor of breast	1	" ribs	1
" epithelioma of lip	1	Stretching inferior facial nerve	1
" head of breast (ecthyma)	2	Tapping and injecting hydrocele	2
" infra-orbital nerve	1	Tumors, tendo achilles (Talipes)	
" malignant tumor of hand	1	" equinus	1
" sarcoma of breast	1	Trephining	2
" tumor of abdominal wall	1		
Exploratory incision hip joint	1	Total	112

Prepared by

ROBERT S. BRADLEY, M.D., *House Surgeon.*

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1898. By amount expended.

For Flour, 4364 lbs.	\$157.15
Meat and Bone, 1507 lbs.	158.61
Bread and Crackers, 24,911½ lbs.	1,124.91
Oats	188.72
Butter, 6851 lbs.	1,737.41
Cheese, 682 lbs.	83.77
Meat, 52,226½ lbs.	5,422.52
Poultry, 8276 lbs.	1,142.57
Fish (10,264½ lbs.) and oysters (14½ gals.)	1,178.69
Vegetables and fruit	1,342.11
Eggs, 2254 doz.	1,043.67
Groceries	1,577.88
Milk, 24,285 qts., skim, 7600 qts.	2,114.29
Lard, 218,140 lbs.	469.33
Larders	368.55
Alc and Beer	91.32
Medicines	2,418.64
Instruments	232.54
Surgical dressings	865.82
Fuel, (551 tons coal)	4,659.10
Gas, 765,936 ft.	1,265.78
Water	247.35
Furniture and crockery	497.69
Clothes and bedding	492.19
Repairs and improvements	1,609.82
Postage, printing and stationery	429.49
Bare and farm expenses	377.41
Tolls	25.39
Salaries and wages	8,859.80
Doctors and soap	283.02
Lanterns	123.50
Smoking	809.50
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Special improvements (renewals & work)	\$49,595.16
Amplified building	274.00
Ambulance	12,118.72
Refused to patients	350.00
Deposited with Treasurer	414.50
Balance	31,925.75
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	\$89,436.62
Total current hospital expenses	<hr/>
Less board of Superintendents' family and extras	\$49,595.16
	717.68
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Number of weeks of hospital care (446)	\$39,987.48
Cost per week per patient	5.295
Total cost of food	17,854.32
Average daily number of inmates 119½	
Cost of food per inmate per day	33¢

Respectfully,

JOHN H. STARKWEATHER, Superintendent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

(continued)

The General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

In August 1966 LEONARD S. POTENKINS, *Trenton*

	Dr.	
To orders of presidential committee paid.....		\$59,719.11
To amount paid for society rent and interest.....		1,065.89
" " \$2,000 Homebush R. R. bonds.....		4,512.54
" " \$2,000 Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul bonds.....		2,466.28
" " 10 shares New Haven County National Bank.....		117.50
" " 10 shares Dinsbury & Norwich R. R.....		1,854.00
" " 5 shares Nantucket R. R.....		1,165.99
Balance to new account.....		502.55
		<u>\$71,338.36</u>

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By balance of old account.....		\$51.11
By collections of Hospital Fund.....		2,895.35
" for Dr. Thomas Wells Bone bed.....		2,543.83
" from Mary P. Wells by Rev. Dr. Howard.....		2,000.00
" from Mrs. Ann S. Parsons, 7 shares Bridgport Electric Light Co. (per).....		
" free bed by House for the Frigidities (6 months).....		2,500.00
By amounts received from J. H. Starkweather, Sept.....		20,826.25
" received proceeds of County Ball.....		1,828.00
" received interest and dividends on invested funds.....		3,673.24
" Society's note on demand in bank.....		2,000.00
By proceeds of exchange of securities \$4,000 N. H. City bonds.....		4,516.44
		<u>\$55,435.00</u>

LEONARD S. HOLTZMAN, *Professor*

THE TREASURER HOLDS THE FOLLOWING SECURITIES BELONGING
TO THE SOCIETY.

748 shares New Haven County National Bank stock (par)	\$7,480
100 " Merchants' National Bank stock (par)	5,000
20 " Second " "	2,000
100 " Yale " "	10,000
44 " Bridgeport Electric Light Co. "	1,110
2 " Naugatuck R. R. Co. stock (par)	200
19 " Danbury & Norwich R. R. "	2,360
1 bond Jersey City	1,000
1 note Town of New Haven on demand	12,000
1 " " " "	5,000
1 " M. C. and H. W. E. Mason (secured by mortgage)	5,000
Bonds Housatonic R. R. Co.	5,000
" Chicago, Milw. & St. Paul R. R. Co.	2,000

APPENDIX.

DONATIONS.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS.

RECEIVED BY THE TREASURER, 1888.

From A. Friend	\$20.00
H. W. Crawford	2.00
Culinary Baptist Church for year 1887	75.00
Davenport Church	35.00
Second Congregational Church, Fair Haven	37.88
Westville Congregational Church	75.00
Mrs. F. B. Dexter	25.00
A. E. Smith	1.00
Rev. C. R. Woodcock	1.00
St. John's (R. C.) Parish	50.00
Collections at Post Office	2.50
Trinity Church	\$62.43
West Haven Congregational Church	20.00
St. John's Episcopal	14.00
United Church	\$92.50
Hampden Street Congregational Church	45.75
Edward S. Dana	20.00
St. Thomas's Church	27.00
Church of the Ascension	1.00
Emily M. Pitch	25.00
Arthur T. Bodley	50.00
Grace Church	10.00
North Haven Congregational Church	17.68
German Lutheran Church	8.00
First Congregational Church, Fair Haven	25.25
Seymour Congregational Church	26.12
Exwell Avenue Congregational Church	2.68
A. Friend	20.00
George A. Butler	5.00
Strong, Barnes, Hart & Co.	25.00
First Church, Center	\$15.43

From Dwight Place Chapel.....	\$12.33
Evangelical Congregational Church.....	15.00
Willis Bealton.....	10.00
Church of the Redeemer.....	115.00
First Baptist Church.....	73.00
Congregation Moshon Israel.....	104.00
Trinity Chapel.....	3.10
Two little girls.....	1.0
D. B. Cymaden & Co.....	75.00
Christ Church Parish, Ansonia.....	8.33
College Street Church.....	24.81
W. D. Whitney.....	25.00
Christ Church, Guilford.....	10.00
Through Rev. E. S. Linn.....	25.00
From A. Friend.....	25.00
Christ Church.....	18.75
Trinity M. E. Church.....	40.00
Brewster Avenue Congregational Church.....	18.07
Young Ladies of Sunday School, Christ Church, Guilford.....	3.50
	<u>\$1,545.23</u>

COST OF THE GEORGE BRONSON FARNAM HALL.

Paid for carpenter work, pattern, glazing and painting.....	\$4,495.15
" mason work.....	6,273.84
" iron and glass roof.....	2,473.60
" asphalt floors.....	152.88
" boiler, radiators, etc.....	517.00
" plumbing.....	554.17
Architect's fee, estimated.....	735.00
Other unsettled bills, estimated.....	152.71
	<u>\$15,319.84</u>
Given by Mrs. Henry Farnam.....	\$15,000.00
Balance.....	319.84
	<u>\$15,319.84</u>

The cost of furnishing the building was \$443.00. This amount was given by Prof. Henry W. Farnam.

RECEIVED AT THE HOSPITAL DURING THE YEAR 1868.

Publishers have kindly furnished the Hospital with the *Conn. Republican*, the *New Haven Daily Post*, the *New Haven Daily Journal* and *Courier*, the *New Haven Daily Register*, the *New Haven Daily Union*, the *New Haven Morning News*, and the *New York Medical Journal*. A friend has also subscribed for the *Independent*.

BOOKS, MANUSCRIPTS AND PAPERS.

Leonard S. Holaday, Mrs. S. W. Johnson, Mrs. L. W. Sperry, Miss M. L. Hinkle, Dr. Wills C. Alling, Mrs. Deborah Griffin, Mrs. Janet Halley, Miss Rebecca L. Hamlin, Franklin S. Bradley, Mrs. Hemingway, Thomas News Co., C. E. Ketch & Co., Wm. A. Knapp, Reynolds & Co., Mrs. S. Wain, Mrs. Sanford, George F. Seitch, Mrs. Benj. E. English, Mrs. Wm. Stevens, Mrs. Wm. D. Clarkson, Ben. Elsie A. Hamford, Mrs. S. M. Cooke, Mrs. Frank Wheeler, Miss Orino, G. A. Gilbert, Mrs. Oron, Mrs. Eliza Ross, Mrs. Lydia I. Barker, E. M. Hamlin, Mrs. Franklin R. Bates, John O. North, Miss Cornelia Ballard, Mrs. Willis Peck, Miss Sarah Bradley, Winfield & Company, Mrs. Horace Fitch, Miss Fisher, House S. S., Mrs. M. H. Townsend, James Walker (West Haven), Mrs. Thomas Wells, Prof. George S. Day, Mrs. T. W. Ferry (West Haven), Miss Clara B. Ketch, Anna Twombleson, Mrs. Calhoun, Mrs. Sawyer, Miss Josephine A. Pease, Mrs. C. B. Cook, Mrs. Gibson, Dr. W. B. Carvish, M. J. West, 20 vols., Justin Duggan, Mrs. A. C. Hubbard, Mrs. Timothy Cowles, Mrs. Wm. (Fair Haven), Mrs. H. A. Angus, W. F. Kingsley, Mrs. Saml. G. Osborne, Doc. Thompson (West Haven), 12 vols., Henry Stoddie, Mrs. J. P. C. Foster, C. F. Sparks, G. Stanley Arnold, Elsie Damp, J. F. Burras, Leonard Boudrick, D. M. Welch, A. Friend, Mrs. Prof. W. D. Whitney, Mrs. W. L. Kingsley, Miss Abbie C. Cook.

LONDON, OLD LONDON AND OLD GORDON.

Mrs. S. W. Johnson, Mrs. L. W. Sperry, Susan Ruma, G. W. Goodsell, Mrs. P. Miller, Mrs. Hawken, Dr. A. A. Cross, Mrs. Dea. Mrs. Janet Murray, Miss Daggett, Mrs. Geo. Critchfield, Mrs. S. H. Street, Dr. Robert Bradley, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Corlies, F. R. Bradley, Mrs. Curtis, Ladies Benevolent Society Dwight Place Church, Mrs. Oron, Mrs. J. H. Sargent, Mrs. S. H. Chapman, C. Goodlet, Mrs. P. C. Phipps, Mrs. Eli Whitney, Jr., Mrs. Edward Osborne, Mrs. Ann S. Fennell, Mrs. H. W. Chaffell, Mrs. S. H. Smith, Mrs. C. A. Lindsay, Mrs. F. H. Dexter, Mrs. S. H. Darrows, Mrs. Samuel Thompson, Mrs. Samuel H. Cross, Mrs. L. V. Comstock, Mrs. J. H. Crocker, Mrs. Chas. Kimberly, Mrs. A. H. Kimberly, Mrs. C. H. Townsend, Mrs. A. Sachs, Mrs. James Wood, A. H. Kilham, Mrs. Francis Gordon, A. Friend, Mrs. H. E. Harrison, Young Ladies Society of Bedford, Mrs. Benj. E. English, Mrs. Wm. Stevens, Mrs. R. J. Miner, Mrs. Burr, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. E. L. Fairchild, Mrs. Chas. Bates, Mrs. F. E. Ellis, Mrs. G. A. Gilbert, Mrs. Dr. Bates, Miss Anne Kennedy, Dr. Bishop, Mrs. F. E. Beckwith, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Barbara, Miss Cornelia Ballard, Mrs. L. Bower, Mrs. Eli Hackett, Mrs. J. E. Robinson, Mrs. Samuel Brown, Mrs. Willis Peck, Mrs. E. M. Boudrick, Mrs. Abell, Miss Sarah Bradley, Mrs. H. G. Little, Mrs. J. A. Howarth, Miss Hollister, Mrs. King, Mrs. Dr. Alling, Mrs. Kelsey Jones, Mrs. Tyler, Bertha

Griggs, Mrs. Bartlet, Mrs. Wm. A. Isaac, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Prof. W. B. Whitney; Mrs. Wooding, Mrs. Geo. H. Hatherly (Middlebury); Mrs. Callow, Mrs. Sayre, Mrs. J. Pease, S. P. Hall, Mrs. Wills Hemingway, Mrs. Dr. Thacher, Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. Tuttle, Miss Burgess, M. F. Tyler, J. B. Baldwin, Mrs. H. R. Roadley, Mrs. Trowbridge, Mrs. C. J. Todd, Mrs. Maurice, Lemuel Eastwick, Mrs. J. E. Earle, Mrs. Spencer, Mr. Kibbe, W. L. Kingsley, Mrs. E. A. Dowditch, Ladies Society Dwight Place Church, 52 pieces newly made garments, also quantity of partly worn underclothing of all kinds, Hospital Aid Society 662 pieces newly made garments, also quantity of partly worn underclothing of all kinds.

FRUIT AND FLOWERS.

Howard Ave. Cong. Church, Ansonia Cong. Church, Kings Daughters (Wallingford), Miss Abbie C. Cose, A Friend, Wallingford Church, Mrs. Hood, Freetown Mission, Church of the Ansonian.

FOR TRANSMITTING AND CHRISTMAS.

Prof. Henry W. Farnam, \$10; Mrs. Maria Stoddard, \$100; Mrs. F. E. Morgan, \$10; Eli Whitney, Jr., \$0; Samuel L. Penfold, \$5; Miss Emily Smith, \$5; A Friend, \$2; A Friend, \$1; Outer Church S. S., \$12.75; S. S. Miskins Israel for a child's rolling chair, \$12.83; Mrs. Prof. W. P. Trowbridge and family 155 Oranges and Bolls, The Bristol Kindergarten, a box of books, toys and clothing, Mrs. E. H. Trowbridge, 2 baskets grapes, 1-doz. lemons, 4-doz. oranges, Jacob Freeman, 1 Pig, Mrs. Fitch, 1 turkey, Miss Lilla T. Parker, 1 turkey, Mrs. G. B. Kibb, 1 turkey, Mrs. Dr. Hordkirk, 2 turkeys, Mrs. T. G. Bennett, 1 turkey, Mrs. E. Nook, 2 turkeys, Mrs. T. H. Bishop, 1 turkey, Mrs. Chas. Mahock, 1 turkeys, Robert Morgan, 2 turkeys, Sada and Edward Buckley, Anson and Fitch Wing, Emma and Lilla Singerhainet, a handsome wrap book for the children.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mrs. F. E. Morgan, \$40; Young Ladies Society of Guilford, wrap books and Easter cards; Miss Isaac, wrap book; Mrs. Jane E. Winchester, 17 fans; Mrs. J. Pease, 24 books for the children, chairs and box of toys; Mrs. Benj. H. English, books and toys for the children; Dr. A. A. Crane, stammer chair; F. U. & A. E. Ryeland, occupied 121 for \$6.72; Young Ladies of S. S. of Christ Church, Guilford, 2000 and 1000, cash \$1.08; Mrs. Thomas G. Bennett, box and basket of oranges; Tuttle, Woodhouse & Taylor, discount on printing Anson reports, \$12.05; Mrs. Halligan, medicine bottles; Miss Anna G. Kennedy, iron, 5 rods, for fire, stove and syringe; Friend, bed pan, stained picture; Mrs. Timothy Cowles, medicine bottles; children of Dr. Foster, 1 doz. salt balls and book for the children; Gen. S. S. Merwin, 1 new reclining and rolling chair; Dr. W. H. Carnall, book case for Medical Library; Dr. M. C. Ware, books and pamphlets for Medical Library.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Remaining in hospital Dec. 31, 1887	24	21	59
Admitted during 1888	551	223	772
Total	575	244	819
Of this number there have been discharged—			
Cured	237	92	329
Improved	162	66	228
Unimproved	48	79	127
Died	87	33	120
	534	210	744
Remaining under treatment Dec. 31, 1888	78	32	110
Total	612	242	854

MONTHLY ADMISSIONS.

FROM JANUARY 1, 1888, TO DECEMBER 31, 1888.

January	74	August	59
February	64	September	96
March	99	October	53
April	52	November	52
May	80	December	44
June	65		
July	78		772

AGE AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	Males.	Females.	TOTAL.
Under 15 years	29	11	40
From 15 to 20 years	29	15	44
" 20 to 25 "	107	64	171
" 25 to 30 "	121	47	170
" 30 to 35 "	97	35	132
" 35 to 40 "	79	39	118
" 40 to 45 "	35	18	53
" 45 to 50 "	16	3	19
" 50 to 55 "	3		3
Total	551	223	772

NATIVITY OF PATIENTS ADMITTED

Austria	3	Holland	1	Switzerland	2
Belgium	2	Ireland	160	Scotland	20
Canada	8	Italy	31	United States	377
England	18	Norway	9	Wales	2
Finland	3	Russia	10	Unknown	12
France	8	Spain	1		
Germany	70	Sweden	19		772

REPORT OF BOARD OF VISITORS.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Visitors take pleasure in submitting their annual report.

During the past year the members of the Board have made frequent and thorough inspections of the condition of the Hospital and in general have found it most satisfactory. The minor improvements suggested by the Board have always met with prompt attention. The roof veranda added in the early part of the year, mainly through the indefatigable and persistent efforts of the Board of Lady Visitors, has proved of great benefit and comfort to the patients in the upper wards. In May, through the generosity of General S. E. Merwin, President of the Hospital Society, a new range was put in, thus supplying one of the great needs of the Hospital. Since then very few complaints have been heard in regard to the cooking and food and the Culinary Department is now quite efficiently and satisfactorily conducted.

Another range is, however, necessary for the complete success of this department, and we can but express the hope that some equally generous person may supply this deficiency during the coming year. The Board wish to renew the recommendation of last year that the Directors obtain an enlargement of their powers in order to increase the number of the Board of Visitors. It was suggested in the last report that the date of "Hospital Sunday" be changed and in renewing the recommendation this Board are of the unanimous opinion that a change would result in larger donations. We would also suggest that stand pipes with hose attached be placed in the halls of the Hospital as a further protection in case of fire. In view of the fact that so large a percentage of the patients would be benefited, we take the liberty also of recommending that a reading room be arranged for their use. In conclusion, the Board wish to express

their appreciation of the efficiency and unflinching devotion to duty, of the nurses and ward masters, and of the uniform courtesy extended to their members by the Prudential Committee, Superintendent Starkweather and all other attendants of the Hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. BOWERS, E. E. BRADLEY,
MAX ADLER, H. S. WATKINS,
PATRICK MAHER, CHARLES A. BROOKS, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF LADY VISITORS.

To the Prudential Committee of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut.

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Lady Visitors herewith submits its annual report. The weekly visits of inspection made by the Board have been continued as in past years, and the accounts given by the Visitors of the condition of the Hospital,—of its cleanliness and the care taken of the patients,—have been very satisfactory. The Board feels satisfied that the management of the Hospital is good, and that it is doing the best work possible with the means at its disposal. We have no hesitation in saying that the Hospital is conducted in a manner that should inspire confidence in the public. With increased means a still better work could be done. It is always easy to criticise, but money is more needed than criticism, and would be more effectual toward the remedying of the defects criticised. Let the public then be more sparing of its criticism and more generous with its means. If the entirely disinterested members of this Board after faithfully visiting the Hospital at all times, and not on certain stated days known beforehand, find order and cleanliness prevailing, and the patients well cared for, it seems but right to ask that their verdict should have weight with the public.

We take great pleasure in being able to state that the much needed remandah for the use of the patients in the Massard wards

was built last spring and ready for use by the middle of May, and also to add that it was the privilege of the members of this Board to raise the money necessary to turn this long-cherished hope into an accomplished reality. We have been well repaid for the exertion required by the pleasure it gave to many of the patients in these wards this summer, who without it would have been unable to be in the open air.

The Sewing Society, organized under the direction of Mrs. C. H. Stilson for the purpose of making garments for the Hospital, continues its useful work. Any donations of cotton cloth for this object, sent to Trinity Parish Building on Thursday mornings, between 10 to 12, would be thankfully received.

We only repeat what we have before said in former reports, but which we believe as heartily to-day as ever, that the Hospital is fortunate in having so faithful and conscientious a Superintendent as Mr. Starkweather, and such an efficient head nurse as Miss L. M. Cremer, while the nurses under her do justice to her training, and by their kindness and patience have often aroused our wonder and admiration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY T. EVERIT, *Chairman*,
MARY R. JAY DEBOIS, *Secretary*.

January, 1889.

REPORT OF HOSPITAL AID SOCIETY.

DECEMBER 31st, 1888.

In November, 1889, a small circle of ladies organized, through the efforts of Mrs. J. B. Sargent and Mrs. C. H. Stilson, the HOSPITAL AID SOCIETY, for the purpose of supplying garments to patients in the Hospital.

The ladies of New Haven were generally invited to join, without regard to religious denomination, and the Trinity Church Sewing Society kindly gave the use of their rooms for the weekly meetings. Each year has brought the Society increased membership, and it has furnished the Hospital up to the present date with 721 garments of various kinds. The Superintendent of Nursing, Miss Cremer, has kept the Society informed of the most pressing wants.

As no tax has ever been required from the members, the Society relied for support at first entirely upon charitable contributions, but last year an effort was made to obtain annual subscribers, and a number of ladies placed their names upon the list for that purpose, and it is hoped that many more will join. The appeals for help have always been generously responded to by donations of material for work from merchants, and of money, cloth, etc., from friends, and there is now a balance in the treasury of \$30.38.

At the annual meeting on Nov. 1st, 1888, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

President.—Mrs. Clarence H. Stilson.

Vice-Presidents.—Mrs. Frederick B. Mallory, Mrs. H. Lynde Harrison.

Secretary and Treasurer.—Mrs. Frank H. Whittamore.

Executive Committee.—Mrs. J. B. Sargent, Mrs. C. H. Stilson, Mrs. Chas. W. Allen, Mrs. F. B. Mallory, Mrs. Wm. H. Thomson, Mrs. H. L. Harrison, Mrs. George L. Dickerman, Mrs. S. R. Hemmingway, Mrs. F. H. Whittamore, Miss Emma Fitch, Miss Ida P. Beecher.

CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Training School for Nurses has been established for fourteen years. At first the number of pupils was limited to six; within two years it was increased to eleven, then to fourteen, and these not being sufficient to meet the many demands for special and continuous attention which critical cases required, the Prædential Committee raised the number to seventeen in 1880, to nineteen in 1882, and to twenty-three in 1883. In 1884 the number was made to depend upon the number of patients in the Hospital, and averaged during the past year with the head nurse and assistant thirty-three and one-quarter. The pupils remain in the Hospital for one year and pursue their studies and daily routine of work under the superintendence of the head nurse. Each nurse is assigned to one ward or department for several weeks, and in the course of a year has studied surgical, medical, and obstetrical nursing, and also the preparation of special dishes suitable for invalids and convalescents. Symptom records are kept which enable the physician to ascertain the varied phases of the disease, since he last saw his patient.

At the close of the year of study the nurse has a vacation of one month, and then returns to take for six months such cases of private practice as shall be assigned her. Her home is in the Hospital, when her services are not called for elsewhere, and the school pays for all the nurses there in excess of the number allowed.

The Hospital authorities appreciate most highly the advantages of having this school established here. Those who enter it either have a special gift for nursing or, with a true spirit of self-sacrifice, have devoted themselves to the noble work of ministering to others; consequently the duties of that department are performed more faithfully and more skillfully than in former years, when it was thought that strength was the only requisite in a nurse.

Those wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the Secretary of the school, when, if approved by the executive committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the Hospital. The candidates must be over twenty-four and under forty years of age, and must present a certificate from a clergyman and physician as to their good moral character and sound health. They will be received for one month on probation and without compensation.

Information concerning the school will be furnished by the President, Vice-President, or other members of the executive committee.

Pupils are received from any State.

Applications for admission should be made as early as possible to the Secretary, Miss Emily Betts, No. 3 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven.

Physicians or others in any part of the State desiring to secure the services of trained nurses for men or women, medical or surgical patients, should apply by telegraph or letter, stating the nature of the case, to the Superintendent of Nursing, New Haven Hospital.

The price per week for services of a trained nurse is \$12.00 in and \$15.00 out of the State, unless two members of the family are ill at the same time, when there will be a slight additional charge. It cannot be too strongly impressed upon the public that it is more economical and safer for the patient to employ a reliable nurse, than to indulge in a natural but misplaced sentiment, which sacrifices the strength of an entire family in the care of one invalid member.

COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATION

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CONNECTICUT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

President.

Mrs. T. W. T. CURTIS.

Vice-Presidents.

Mrs. T. D. WOOLSEY, New Haven. Mrs. SAMUEL COLE, Hartford.
Mrs. H. FARNAM, New Haven. Mrs. G. M. BARTHOLOMEW, Hartford.
Mrs. D. C. SANFORD, New Milford. Mrs. EMILY HARWOOD, New Haven.
Mrs. F. J. KINGSBURY, Waterbury.

Treasurer.

Mr. CHARLES A. SHELTON.

Secretary.

Miss BETTS.

Auditors.

Mr. WILBUR F. DAY. Mr. ARTHUR D. OSBORN.

Committee on Finance.

Mr. CHARLES A. SHELTON. Mr. WILBUR F. DAY.
Mr. JEREMIAH A. BISHOP. Hon. JAMES E. ENGLISH.
Mr. JOHN H. FITCH.

Executive Committee.

Mrs. T. W. T. CURTIS, Chairman.

Mrs. WILLIAM FITCH.	Mrs. C. S. MERRICK.
Mrs. FRANK BACON.	Mrs. E. LA BAR.
Mrs. GEORGE E. DAY.	Mrs. ELLERY C. COOCHING.
Mrs. C. B. RICHARDS.	Mrs. H. E. M. BABCOCK.
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Mrs. LEONARD J. SANFORD.	LEONARD J. SANFORD, M.D.
Mrs. LEWIS H. ENGLISH.	WILLIAM L. BRADLEY, M.D.
Miss FRANCES TERRY.	FRANK BACON, M.D.

Early Superintendent of the School.

Miss CHURCH.

Assistant.

Miss STROSS.

NURSES' HOME.

Visiting Committee.

Mrs. WILLIAM FITCH. Mrs. LA BAR. Mrs. SQUIRE.

Mistress.

Miss PULZ.

CHARTER,

By-Laws and Regulations

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT

AT

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

NEW HAVEN:

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1883.

NOTE.

The *charter of the general hospital society of Connecticut*, printed herewith, has been constructed by incorporating with the original act approved May 21st, 1855, the amending acts of May, 1854. ———, 1854, July 23rd, 1855, June 25th, 1855, and June 25th, 1856. As far as their provisions have not been repealed or amended. The *assumption* is that of the official collection of private laws of the State of Connecticut. All passages of later date than the original charter are printed in *italics*.

NEW HAVEN: Aug. 1881.

CHARTER

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE HOSPITAL.

SEC. 1.—*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, That* Nathan Smith, M.D., Thomas Hubbard, Eli Todd, John S. Peters, Benjamin Silliman, Thomas Mover, William Loringwell, John Skinner, Eli Ives, Jonathan Knight; and all such persons as are, or from time to time may be, associated with them for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a general hospital in the city of New Haven, and their successors, be, and they hereby are, incorporated for said purpose, and made a body politic, by the name of "THE GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT," and by that name shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, and may purchase, hold, sell and convey, *free from taxation,** property, real and personal to such an amount as may be necessary for the charitable purposes of said society;† may have a common seal, and the same may alter and change at pleasure, and may make and execute such by-laws and regulations, not contrary to the laws of this State or of the United States, as shall be deemed necessary for well ordering and conducting the concerns of the society. *Said society shall make a report to the General Assembly annually, of the condition of its hospital, number of patients, and state of its finances, including its receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year next preceeding.*

SEC. 2.—That said society shall be governed by the principles of the constitution comprised in the following articles:

* Act of 1834.

† Act of 1872.

CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

ART. I.—The General Hospital Society of Connecticut, shall be composed of those subscribers whose benefactions amount to either of the subsequent sums—*Persons contributing at any one time for the use of said society the sum of fifty dollars, shall be members thereof for life; persons contributing at any one time the sum of twenty-five dollars, shall be members for ten years.** The president and fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, shall be ex-officio members of the society.

ART. II.—The members of the society shall meet annually for the choice of directors, and for the transaction of any other business not delegated to its officers.

ART. III.—There shall be two classes of directors; one to hold their office for life, the other annually appointed; *persons contributing at any one time for the use of said society the sum of five hundred dollars, shall be directors thereof for life. The society shall annually choose, by ballot, four directors, and [may annually choose by ballot additional directors not exceeding in number†] as many more as may at any time be necessary to make the number of elected directors equal to that of the life directors. The elected directors now in office, shall, before the next annual meeting of the society enroll themselves by lot into three classes of four each; one class to hold office for two years from and after said annual meeting; one class to hold office for one year from and after said meeting; and one class to hold office until said meeting; and all directors hereafter elected shall hold office for three years, and until others are chosen in their stead;‡ provided, that every additional director, over the number of four, who may be elected at any annual meeting, shall hold office for each term not exceeding three years, nor less than one year, as said society may fix and prescribe.† Any six of said elected directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.]*

ART. IV.—There shall be an annual meeting of the directors, at which six of said elected directors‡ shall constitute a quorum to choose a president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, prudential committee, visitors, attending physicians and surgeons, and such other officers as may be necessary.

ART. V.—The elected vice-president shall have the privileges of a director. Those persons who pay one thousand dollars and upwards* shall be vice-presidents for life.

* Act of 1822.

† Act of 1854.

‡ Act of 1854.

ART. VI.—The treasurer having given adequate security for the faithful discharge of his duties, shall receive the funds of the society, and pay the same to the order of the prudential committee. He shall present a copy of his accounts every quarter to the prudential committee, and every year present a financial report to the society.

ART. VII.—The secretary shall keep an accurate register of the members of the society for each year, and record the transactions of both society and directors: he shall also report at each meeting of the society, the names of those who during the preceding year have become members of the society, and also of those who have withdrawn their patronage.

ART. VIII.—The prudential committee shall consist of three; they shall be subject to the regulations of the directors, manage the economical and financial concerns of the hospital, and shall meet as often as there may be occasion, to regulate the admission and discharge of patients, and for the transaction of the ordinary business of the hospital.

ART. IX.—The visitors shall be six in number, of whom two at least shall visit the hospital every month, and as frequently as they may deem proper; they shall enquire into the economical and moral concerns of the hospital, suggest improvements and designate abuses, in a report every two months, to the prudential committee.

ART. X.—A board of physicians and surgeons, consisting of six in number, shall be elected by the directors, at their annual meeting. The attending physicians and surgeons shall receive no compensation for their services.

ART. XI.—The hospital shall be a charitable institution; and patients belonging to this State, shall in all cases be preferred.

ART. XII.—*Any person contributing at any one time for the use of the society the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, shall be entitled during his life to nominate and keep, from time to time, subject to the rules of the society, one person as a patient in the hospital of said society, who shall have the benefits thereof free of expense, and who may be removed and his place supplied at the pleasure of such contributor. Any person contributing at any one time the sum of one thousand dollars, shall be entitled to the same privilege for any three months which he may select in each year and every year of his life; and all persons so*

*contributing one thousand dollars and upwards, shall be vice-presidents of said society for life.**

ART. XIII.—The directors shall from time to time make regulations for the admission of patients, and for the discharge of such as are deemed incurable, or such others as are not considered proper subjects for hospital privileges.

SEC. 3.—That the first meeting of said society shall be held at the State House in New Haven, at such time as shall be appointed by Nathan Smith, Thomas Hubbard, Eli Todd, John S. Peters, Benjamin Silliman, Thomas Miner, William Leflingwell, John Skinner, Eli Ives and Jonathan Knight, or a majority of them, and by them notified by advertisement in a newspaper printed in each of the towns of Hartford, New Haven and Middletown, at least three weeks before the time fixed for such meeting; and the annual and other meetings of said society, shall thereafter be holden at such times and places, and be warned in such manner, as said society shall from time to time direct.

SEC. 4.—That said society shall have power with the assent of the commissioners to be appointed under this act, by their vote in legal meeting, warned with express notice of that object, to fix the location and to approve or prescribe the style and extent of the buildings, and other accommodations for the use of the hospital; and no expenditure of the funds of said society shall be made by the officers thereof in the purchase of lands, or in the erection of buildings, but in pursuance of such vote or votes of said society.

SEC. 5.—*And be it further enacted,* That the Governor for the time being, with two other commissioners to be appointed by the General Assembly, shall superintend the general concerns of said hospital; make such occasional visits as they may deem expedient, and report to the legislature from time to time concerning the affairs of the hospital.

Provided nevertheless, that this act or any part thereof may be altered or repealed by the General Assembly.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT:

I.—MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the society shall be held at the hospital in New Haven, on the last Thursday of January in each year, at such time as the president and secretary may direct. Notice of all meetings shall be published in at least two daily newspapers printed in New Haven, for at least three days preceeding such meeting.

II.—MEETINGS OF THE DIRECTORS.

The annual meeting of the directors shall be held on the day following the annual meeting of the society, and other stated meetings shall be held on the third Friday of April, July and October in each year.

Special meetings of the directors shall be called by order of the president whenever, in his opinion, the business of the society requires it, or when requested in writing by any five of the directors. And when special meetings are so called, he shall direct the secretary to insert in the notices to the members the import of the business to come before them, and such notices shall be served at least two days previous to the time appointed for the meeting, when practicable.

III.—DIRECTORS' REPORT.

At each annual meeting of the General Hospital Society of Connecticut the board of directors shall make a report to the society of the condition of the hospital and of their action during the year.

IV.—OF THE PRESIDENT.

The president of the society shall preside at the meetings of the board of directors. He shall call special meetings of the board and of the society whenever, in his opinion, the business of the society requires it, or when requested so to do in writing by five directors, to be held at such place in the city of New Haven as he may think proper.

V.—OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

In case of the absence of the president, the elected vice-president shall possess his powers and perform his duties.

VI.—OF THE TREASURER.

The treasurer having given bonds to the satisfaction of the finance committee, shall have the custody of all bonds, titles, deeds, and other papers and documents relating to the property of the corporation, and of all moneys belonging thereto. He shall open an account with one of the banks in the city of New Haven, to be approved by the board, in the name of this corporation, and shall deposit all moneys in such bank immediately upon his receiving them. He shall keep a proper check and account-book, showing the amount of funds in his hands, which shall at all suitable times be open to the inspection of the directors. At each stated meeting he shall present an account, or an abstract thereof, showing the state of the treasury. He shall pay all orders which shall be drawn upon him in the manner hereafter prescribed. He shall execute such resolutions as may be adopted by the committee of finance relative to the investment of funds, in compliance with article IX of the by-laws. He shall prepare and lay before the members of the society at their annual meeting a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the preceding year, of the funds of the society, and of the manner in which the same are invested.

VII.—OF THE SECRETARY.

The secretary shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the society and of the board of directors, and shall give true copies of the same when requested by the directors or any one of them. He shall preserve all the records and papers which belong to his office, and they shall at all times be open to the inspection of any director. He shall notify the directors of every meeting of the board, by notice addressed to them through the Post Office, or otherwise, at least two days, when practicable, before the meeting; and shall give similar notice of the meetings of the society, by publication in at least two daily city papers, for at least three days preceding such meeting. He shall also cause notice to be given to the chairman of each committee, of the names of the members thereof, and the object for which they may be appointed. And he shall cause every person appointed to any standing committee or on the medical board to be notified of his appointment.

VIII.—ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

The directors shall elect, by ballot, at their annual meeting, a prudential committee and a committee of finance, each to consist of three members; an auditing committee of two members, a superintendent, and a board of six visitors, who shall hold office during the year, and until others are elected in their stead, unless otherwise ordered by the board. Any vacancies occurring during the year may be filled in like manner.

IX.—OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

It shall be the duty of the committee on finance to adopt proper means of augmenting the subscriptions and benefactions, to circulate information respecting the hospital, to see that the subscriptions are duly received, and to direct the treasurer in investing the funds, when not otherwise ordered by the prudential committee.

X.—OF THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

L. The prudential committee shall consist of three. They shall give such orders and establish such regulations as they shall think proper to carry into effect the objects of this institution; provided such orders and regulations be not inconsistent with those established by the board of directors.

2. They shall receive or reject applicants for admission in accordance with the regulations upon that subject, and shall determine whether the applicant shall be received as a free or pay patient, and in the latter case they shall fix the rate of payment; but they shall admit no person without a previous examination by one of the medical staff.

3. They shall meet at the hospital at least once in each week; but in the interval between their meetings, and when the circumstances of the case shall require it, the superintendent may act as their representative in the admission of patients, reporting his action in each case to the committee at their next meeting.

4. They shall see that no patient is allowed to remain in the hospital unnecessarily, or to the detriment of the institution.

5. They may, at their discretion, discharge any patient or hospital attendant for disorderly conduct.

6. They shall have general charge of all property within the precincts of the hospital, and authorize such repairs and disbursements as may from time to time be necessary; but no extraordinary expenditure shall be authorized exceeding one hundred dollars per month, except by the board. They shall examine as to whether economy is observed in the several departments of the hospital, the quantity and quality of the food and medicines furnished, and the consumption of liquors for hospital purposes. They shall, once a week, inspect all the hospital buildings, visit the wards and dead-house, laundry, water and bathing closets, inquire into the behavior of the house officers, the nurses and attendants, and the cleanliness and order of all parts of the hospital and grounds.

7. They shall audit all bills and accounts, and when approved shall draw orders on the treasurer for the payment thereof, to be signed by at least two members. They shall keep a book of minutes, and enter therein on each visiting day their proceedings and observations, which book shall be laid before the board at every stated meeting.

XI.—OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The office of the auditing committee shall be to examine the treasurer's accounts at the close of each year, prior to the annual meeting, and report thereon.

XII.—OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

The board of visitors shall visit the hospital at least once each week. They shall inquire into the economical administration of the hospital, and such other matters as are connected with the care and comfort of the patients. They shall be careful to make all recommendations and suggestions in writing to the prudential committee, and shall report all reasonable complaints from patients.

XIII.—OF FREE BEDS.

If any person has given, within the year past, or shall hereafter give to the society during any twelve months the sum of five thousand dollars, he and his heirs and assigns shall be entitled to nominate patients to one free bed in the hospital of the society from time to time, forever; not more than one patient to be nominated by the same person at any one time. If any person shall give the society during any twelve months the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, he and his heirs and assigns shall be entitled to nominate patients to one free bed in the hospital of the society from time to time, during, not exceeding, six months in each year, forever; not more than one patient to be nominated by the same person at any one time.* All sums given or to be given and appropriated for the maintenance of free beds shall be invested and kept as a special and perpetual fund, the income only to be used for the support of the hospital.

XIV.—ALTERATIONS OR ADDITIONS.

No alteration of, or additions to, these by-laws shall be made, unless proposed in writing to this society by at least twelve directors, of whom six shall be elected directors.

*This By-law is of later date than Article XII of the Charter, and gives to the donor of twenty-five hundred dollars his choice between the free bed here described and that provided by the Charter for donors of the same amount.

REGULATIONS

OF THE

GENERAL HOSPITAL SOCIETY OF CONNECTICUT.

I.—APPOINTMENTS.

All physicians and surgeons connected with the hospital shall be elected by ballot, by the board of directors, at their annual meeting, for the year commencing February 1st next ensuing. Any vacancies occurring during the year may be filled in like manner from candidates nominated by the medical board.

II.—MEDICAL BOARD.

1. ~~There shall be four or more consulting physicians and sur-~~
Reg. II, Art. 1. ~~physicians and five attend-~~
not exceeding five nor less than four, ~~vermed or gynecologists.~~

They shall receive no pay for their services in the hospital.

2. The medical board shall consist of the consulting and attending physicians and surgeons, four of its members constituting a quorum.

3. The medical board shall meet regularly on the first Saturday of each month, and at the first regular meeting in February of each year shall elect a President, Vice-President, and Secretary, who shall perform the customary duties of those offices respectively.

The gynecologist shall be on duty during the year, visiting the hospital at least twice a week. In case of absence he shall provide a substitute from among the attending staff.

The attending physician and surgeon shall visit the hospital once daily, at such hour as the medical board may direct, and in cases of emergency at such other times as each may deem necessary.

3. The physicians and surgeons having charge of each department shall so arrange that one or the other shall visit their department each day.

4. The attending physicians and surgeons shall have the entire direction of the treatment of the patients. They shall also exercise supervision of the condition of the wards, the behavior of the orderlies and nurses, and the character of the food of the patients, and report to the prudential committee. They may give clinical instruction, illustrated by the patients in their respective departments, to such practitioners of medicine and students as are admitted to the hospital.

5. The attending physicians and surgeons on duty may be present at the meetings of the prudential committee, to confer with them on the management of the house.

V.—PATHOLOGIST.

1. A pathologist shall be appointed by the board of directors, upon the nomination of the medical board.

2. All post-mortem examinations upon persons dying in the hospital shall be made under the direction of the pathologist, when practicable.

3. All post-mortem examinations shall be made at an appointed hour, and not until a reasonable time after the death of a patient.

4. All pathological specimens shall be the property of the hospital; and shall be kept in a suitable place, to be provided by the prudential committee.

5. The pathologist may give instruction in pathological anatomy in the autopsy-room.

6. The pathologist shall have charge of the post-mortem instruments.

7. The pathologist may appoint an assistant, subject to the approval of the medical board.

VI.—CURATOR.

1. The assistant to the pathologist shall be ex-officio curator of the museum.

2. He shall have charge of the hospital museum, and of the necessary apparatus for preserving specimens.

3. He shall prepare for the museum all such specimens as may be delivered to him for that purpose by the pathologist, and keep a catalogue of all specimens placed in the museum.

VII.—HOUSE STAFF.

1. The house medical staff shall consist of one or more physicians and one or more surgeons, who shall severally reside in the hospital. To these may be added assistants as occasion may

Reg. VII, Art. 1.

Any member of the house staff may be reprimanded or suspended either by the Medical Board or the Prudential Committee for cause, and may be dismissed for cause either by the Medical Board or the Board of Directors.

Service shall be granted to the house physician and surgeon by the board of directors, on joint recommendation by the medical board and the prudential committee.

VIII.—THE HOUSE PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

1. The house physician or house surgeon shall examine patients applying for admission, determine what wards they shall occupy, subject to the approval of the attending physician or surgeon, and, if the condition of patients admits of it, shall order them to a warm bath before assigning them a bed.

2. The house physician or house surgeon shall visit each patient in their respective wards at least morning and evening, beginning their morning visit by nine o'clock, and their evening visit by seven o'clock, in order to be able to report the state of the patients to the attending physician or surgeon. They shall enter in the prescription book the time of their visit, as well as record all prescriptions and directions for their administration in books to be kept for that purpose, of which there shall be one for each ward, and shall send a copy of the prescriptions with the remials to the apothecary, immediately after the visit of the attending physician and surgeon. They shall see that the medicines are regularly taken and promptly administered with care and neat-

ness. There shall also be a special diet list in each ward, on which shall be recorded all orders for stimulants and extra articles of diet. This list must be written up by the house physician or house surgeon, in the afternoon for the following day, and be sent to the superintendent before three o'clock *p. m.* The diet lists must be returned to the wards at or before six o'clock *p. m.*; they must be inspected and signed by the attending physician or surgeon once a week. In cases of special need for the same day the house physician or house surgeon will give special orders to be written in duplicate in the special order books provided for that purpose; the original to go to the proper disbursing officer, the duplicate to remain attached as a voucher.

No beef tea or chicken soup will be furnished without the written order of the attending physician or surgeon.

3. In any medical or surgical case of emergency, the house physician or house surgeon shall request the immediate attendance of the attending physician or surgeon, or, if he cannot be found, of any other physicians or surgeons of the hospital.

4. The house physician or house surgeon shall in no case substitute his assistant in the performance of any duty specially incumbent on himself, except in a case of sudden illness or other emergency, or by permission of the postdoctoral committee, or of the attending physician or surgeon.

5. The house physician or house surgeon shall not remove patients from one ward to another, without the approval of the superintendent, nor shall he discharge a patient without permission from the attending physician or surgeon, and the concurrence of the superintendent.

6. The house physician and house surgeon shall alternate weekly in examining patients for admission, and in the charge of patients admitted at night—so arranging that both duties shall not devolve at the same time upon either of them.

Reg. VIII, Art. 8.

But if the regular examiner is engaged, the examination shall be conducted by any other member of the house staff who may be called upon by the superintendent.

The house physician and house surgeon must never be absent at the same time.

8. They shall not engage in any other business than that of the hospital.

9. When a member of the house staff desires leave of absence

from duty, he shall present to the presidential committee a petition in writing for the same, approved by his visiting physician or surgeon, and the committee may grant the leave of absence at their discretion. On the return of the house physician or house surgeon from a leave of absence, he shall hand his permit to the superintendent, who shall note upon it the time of return, and place the paper on file.

10. Whenever any contagious or infectious disease is present in the hospital, it shall be the duty of the house staff to isolate such cases, and, before they are returned to the general wards as convalescents, their bodies shall be cleansed and their clothing and bedding subjected to immediate and thorough disinfection.* It is especially enjoined upon the house staff, that they observe every precaution, by change of clothes, the use of disinfectants and avoidance of post-mortem examinations, which may be considered dangerous, against conveying such disease to other uninfected patients, especially to lying-in women and those having open wounds; it shall also be the duty of the house staff to inform the nurses and attendants of the necessity for such precautionary measures, and of the danger of isolation through abrasions of the skin.

11. In midwifery cases, when labor commences, it shall be the duty of the house physician to notify the attending physician, and when attended by unusual difficulty, especially if requiring the use of instruments, he shall request the advice and assistance of the attending physician. Except in cases of urgent necessity, the house surgeon shall be disqualified from attending cases of midwifery.

IX.—ASSISTANTS TO THE HOUSE PHYSICIAN AND HOUSE SURGEON.

1. The assistants shall attend the house physician or house surgeon in his morning visits to the patients, and shall also be present at the regular visit of the attending physician or surgeon, and at such other times as he may direct, and shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned to them.

*The Medical Board for 1877 recommended as disinfectants: For clothing, heat, in the form of hot-air, boiling water or super-heated steam; for apartments, fumigation with chlorine, followed by thorough ventilation, and, when practicable, white-washing the walls and painting; for the hands, solutions of permanganate of potassa or chlorinated soda.

RULES

Adopted by the Board of Directors April 15, 1884.

I. HISTORIES.

The house physician shall take the anamnesis and present condition of medical patients on their entrance, and have such account ready for their attending physician at his next visit, with any required amendments, which shall then be given to the assistant to copy in a permanent form.

6. The house physician shall carry with him, on his own rounds and on his rounds with the attending physician, a note book for entering points in the current histories.

7. The surgical histories shall be taken in the same way, except that the anamnesis and condition on entrance shall be taken by the assistant.

2. DUTIES OF THE ASSISTANT.

a. The assistant shall make urine examinations.

b. He shall take charge of the surgical instruments.

c. He shall have charge of erysipelas patients.

d. He shall give ether at surgical operations unless septonically disqualified in the opinion of the surgeon operating.

e. In the absence of the house physician or house surgeon, he shall assume the duties of the absentee.

II. DUTIES OF THE HOUSE PHYSICIAN.

a. The house physician shall have charge of the electrical apparatus.

b. He shall give ether at operations, when the assistant is absent or disqualified.

X.—APOTHECARY.

1. The apothecary shall make up all medicines prescribed, agreeably to the formulas from time to time directed by the physicians and surgeons. He shall deliver no medicine or other articles except by written order, nor shall he dispense medicine to any person outside of the hospital except by direction of the prudential committee. He shall put up the medicines for each ward separately, and shall annex to them labels bearing the name of the patient for whom prescribed, with printed or written directions for taking them, and he shall send them to each ward to be distributed to the patients. He shall keep splints, bandages, and muslin, of such sizes and in such quantities as shall be directed

by the attending surgeon, and shall keep a book in which shall be entered the ward to which they are sent, in order that they may be returned to him when practicable.

2. He shall regularly attend the dispensary, and never be absent without the superintendent's permission. He shall keep the dispensary and its belongings clean and in good order, and it shall remain open from 7 o'clock A. M. to 8 o'clock P. M. He shall observe careful economy in everything relating to his department, and permit no patient, attendant or other person to enter the dispensary unnecessarily. No liquid medicines shall be put up in a larger than a four ounce phial, except infusions, decoctions, and those for external application.

XI.—OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

1. The superintendent shall be the executive officer of the board of directors, and responsible to it for the good order of the house.

2. He shall have power to hire and dismiss all male nurses and all servants, male and female,—except those in the house-keeping department—subject to the approval of the prudential committee; and it shall be his duty to dismiss any attendant who shall be guilty of profanity, drunkenness, neglect of duty or other gross misconduct, reporting his action and reason therefor to the prudential committee.

3. He shall purchase, under the direction of the prudential committee, furniture, provisions, medicines, and all other stores required for the hospital, and shall attend to the issue of the same, keeping under his keys all wines, spirits, etc., and issuing daily, the requisite supplies for the day, to the apothecary.

4. He shall keep in a book provided for that purpose a regular and accurate account of all moneys received or disbursed by him on behalf of the hospital, and a record of all such contracts as he may be authorized to make, which book, with the vouchers, shall be laid before the prudential committee.

5. He shall deposit all hospital moneys coming into his hands with the treasurer forthwith, and shall obtain a draft from the prudential committee upon the treasurer, for such sums as may from time to time be required for the uses of the house. He shall account, in his statement of receipts and expenditures, for all moneys so received, which statement, with his vouchers, shall be laid before the prudential committee at their monthly meeting.

6. He shall submit to the prudential committee monthly, at their stated meetings, a roll of all persons employed upon the premises, showing how they are employed and their rate of compensation. He shall permit to no one, except those entitled thereto by virtue of these regulations, to eat or sleep in or occupy any part of the hospital premises without express permission from the prudential committee.

7. He shall visit every ward at least once a day, to see that the rules are obeyed, and shall make weekly a general inspection of all parts of the hospital, at which time he shall require all attendants to be at their several posts and remain there until the inspection is concluded. He shall be responsible for the general cleanliness and order of the entire establishment, including the theater, out-buildings and grounds. He shall have the clothing of patients entering cleaned and disinfected if necessary. He shall be responsible for the safety of the hospital property, furniture, bedding, etc., keeping an inventory of the same, and semi-annually shall take an account of stock. He shall see that books given to the hospital for the use of the patients are not lost or destroyed, and shall instruct the orderly to keep the names of patients borrowing books and see to their safe return. He shall see that the attendants are properly instructed in regard to their respective duties in case of an alarm of fire.

8. He shall see that the outer doors are locked at a reasonable hour, every evening, and all the buildings properly secured at night.

9. When a patient is dangerously ill, he shall notify (if possible) some relation or friend. If the patient desires to converse with a clergyman or religious person, he shall invite the person desired to attend, and while such person is present shall see that proper decorum is observed.

10. On the decease of a patient, the superintendent shall cause the body to be removed as soon as conveniently may be, to the dead-house, and there safely kept until delivered to the friends or those responsible for its interment.

11. When any articles of value or other effects are left by a deceased patient, the superintendent shall cause them to be labeled with the patient's name and the date of his decease, and hold them for the action of the prudential committee.

12. When a patient is discharged or dies, the superintendent shall cause the fact to be recorded in the register, mentioning the patient's condition (whether cured, relieved, etc.), if dis-

charged, along with any circumstances attending his departure which might influence his future admission.

13. If any of the officers, nurses or attendants shall violate the regulations, or be guilty of any misconduct, it shall be the duty of the superintendent to report the facts in writing to the prudential committee.

The superintendent is expected to co-operate with the head nurse in her efforts for the comfort of the patients and well being of the hospital, and to give due weight to her suggestions concerning these matters.

XII.—OF THE HEAD NURSE.

The head nurse shall receive the patients from the superintendent, and arrange them in the places assigned them by the house physician. She shall be responsible to the medical staff for the care of the sick and wounded, shall direct in the house-keeping of the hospital in all that pertains to the administration of the wards, to the preparation of the special diet, and to the work of the linen-closets.

She shall take charge of all private donations of clothing and delicacies, and distribute them to the patients, under the directions of the house medical officers; keeping a list of articles, with names of donors.

She shall make requisition upon the superintendent and housekeeper for such things as she may require in the discharge of her duties; such requisitions to be entered in a book, and in all cases to be laid before the members of the prudential committee weekly, to be examined and countersigned.

Beyond this, she shall be responsible to the committee of the training school for the instruction of the pupil nurses, and the carrying out of all orders received from this committee concerning the proper object of the school.

XIII.—OF THE HOUSEKEEPER.

1. The housekeeper shall be appointed by the prudential committee. She shall superintend the housekeeping of the hospital; engage and dismiss the servants in her own department subject to the approval of the prudential committee, who shall regulate the number of such employees and their wages; direct the servants in their work of keeping clean the wards and hall floors, walls, paint, staircases, closets, sinks, bathrooms, etc.;

direct the work of the laundry and mending-room; oversee the cooking of food for the officers and pupil-nurses, and of the house diet for the patients; and shall be responsible for the faithful performance of these duties to the superintendent and head nurse.

Note A.—Bath-rooms, water-closets, and sinks to be cleaned, aired and disinfected daily.

Note B.—Ward-floors and window-sills to be swept and dusted daily, and washed once a week; oftener when necessary.

Note C.—Staircases and halls to be swept daily, and washed once a week.

Note D.—Windows and piazza-floors to be washed at the discretion of the superintendent.

Note E.—The housekeeper will keep a daily record in the store-room of all articles received by her from the superintendent, and issued by her to the kitchen.

2. All articles of bed or body clothing, bandages, etc., in use in the fever-wards, in the nursery, and in surgical cases, shall be sent to the laundry as soon as changed, and put immediately in soak; bandages and rags by themselves, with a disinfectant.

Bed-linen, towels and clothing in ordinary cases, shall be changed throughout once a week—oftener when necessary, and the soiled clothes sent to the laundry at once.

Washing for the officers, pupil nurses and family shall go to the laundry on Monday. Other washing reserved in the laundry closets for the rest of the week.

Duplicate lists of clothing for the wash shall be made out in each ward. In the men's wards, the male nurse shall count over the clothing, and make it into bundles for the wash, in the presence of the pupil nurse, who shall take the lists of the same. In the women's wards, this duty shall be performed by the female servant, superintended by the pupil nurse.

The housekeeper is responsible for the clothing from the time it leaves the wards until it is returned to the ward-linen closets.

Note.—All the articles, when washed, ironed and aired, shall be sent to a room set apart for the purpose, and known as the mending-room, where the housekeeper, with proper assistants, shall look them over; have all useful mending done; substitute whole articles for those needing repairs, and return to the ward linen closets clothing and bedding corresponding to the lists of those sent to the wash. Bandages will be rolled and sent to the dispensary, as also clean rags.

The housekeeper shall make a note of losses, wear and tear, etc., of bedding, towels, clothing, etc., keeping a book for this purpose in the storeroom, and shall present the same quarterly to the superintendent.

She shall see that all clothing of patients sent to the laundry is properly marked, so as to ensure its safe return.

XIV.—OF HOSPITAL ATTENDANTS.

1. Hospital attendants shall be employed by the superintendent, with the approval of the prudential committee, in such numbers as the services of the hospital may require.

2. They shall be under the control of the superintendent, and of the heads of the several departments in which they may be employed.

3. As far as practicable, they shall have assigned to them their regular duties, but will be expected to yield willing obedience to any reasonable requirement.

4. They shall give at least one week's notice to the superintendent of their intention to leave the service of the hospital, and may require the same notice when discharged, unless they may be dismissed for misconduct.

5. They shall not leave the Hospital without the permission of the superintendent, who shall assign them their regular hours of duty and recreation. They shall respect all orders received from the housekeeper and head nurse.

6. Those assigned to the wards as nurses shall attend to the general order of the ward, daily policing and weekly washing, and the care of the dining room. In the women's wards the housekeeper shall appoint a woman servant to do this work. It shall be the duty of all attendants to consider the comfort of the patients, and to behave themselves with proper respect and decorum at all times.

7. No officer, nurse, or other attendant, shall receive any compensation, gift, or bequest, from any patient, unless authorized to do so by the prudential committee, through the superintendent. Any male nurse may be suspended for cause by the attending physician or surgeon until his case can be acted upon by the prudential committee. Any complaint against the pupil nurses shall be addressed by the attending physician, to the head nurse, and reported by her to the committee of the training school. Dissatisfaction with the head nurse shall be reported to this committee by the physician.

8. The names of convalescents fit for light duty, who do not pay full board, shall be reported to the superintendent each day by the house physician, or house surgeon, and posted in the office for the information of the head nurse and housekeeper, who shall have the right to call upon such persons for service in wards or nursing-room.

9. There shall be an orderly appointed as doorkeeper, and to collect the prescriptions and diet lists for the dispensary and office, and return them to the wards at the proper hours; also, to give out books from the library and note to whom they are issued.

XV.—VISITORS.

Visitors are admitted to the hospital on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, between the hours of 1½ and 4½ p. m.; and at no other times except by special permission of the superintendent.

Visitors must not enter the wards at any time without the consent of the superintendent or nurse in charge.

Visitors are not allowed to give any article of food or stimulant to any patient; but must hand them to the nurse in charge.

XVI.—THE ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

1. Cases of great urgency shall be admitted to the Hospital at any hour of the day or night.

2. Other patients will be admitted between 9 o'clock a. m., and 3 o'clock p. m. They must apply in person at the office of the hospital, when they will be examined by one of the medical staff, and admitted by the superintendent, subject to approval by the prudential committee. If unable to apply in person, they shall be visited at their homes by one of the medical staff.

3. No lunatic shall be admitted; nor any patient suffering from small pox, typhus fever, scarlet fever, ~~yellow fever~~, measles, erysipelas, ~~&~~ whooping cough, diphtheria or cholera.

4. There shall be posted in the office daily the number of vacant beds, free and pay, for the information of the examining physician.

5. Application for the admission of patients living out of the city should be accompanied by a certificate of some respectable physician, stating the nature and probable duration of the disease, which certificate, with the application, will be referred to the prudential committee.

XVII.—RULES FOR PATIENTS.

1. All patients, on admission to the hospital, shall, unless forbidden by the house physician or house surgeon, before being assigned a bed, be sent to the bath-room, washed from head to foot, and furnished with clean clothing from their own or from hospital stores. If necessary, their hair shall be cut.

All patients able to leave their beds will wash themselves in the ward bath rooms and comb their hair, immediately upon getting up in the morning.

Every person is expected to bathe the whole person once a week, unless otherwise ordered by the attending physician or surgeon. It will be the duty of the men and women nurses in their respective wards to enforce this rule.

2. Patients must take off their hats in the wards, and their boots and shoes before lying down, and will be responsible for the neat appearance of their beds when not occupied during the day, and of their tables and window-shelves.

3. Patients admitted to the hospital are forbidden to use profane or indecent language; to express immoral or infidel sentiments; to play at any game for money; to smoke tobacco in the house, except in places provided for smoking, or to procure for themselves or others any intoxicating liquors.

4. No patient shall be allowed to have any books, pamphlets or newspapers of an immoral or indecent nature.

5. No male patient shall go into any of the women's wards, or any female patient into any of the men's wards.

6. No patient shall enter the dead-house, engine-room, kitchen, laundry, theatre, or any of the attendants' rooms, except by permission of the superintendent or other officers of the house.

7. Every patient not forbidden by the physician shall take the outside air either in the grounds or on the piazzas (weather permitting) each day. The nurses will enforce this rule in cold weather as near noon as possible. When desiring to go beyond the hospital bounds, patients must obtain a card from the house physician or surgeon, at his morning round, stating that he has no objections, which card, when countersigned by the superintendent, will serve them as a pass, and will be valid for the day it is given, but must be returned to the doorkeeper when the patient returns.

8. In exercising out of doors, patients will confine themselves

to the graded walks, and not intrude upon the grass or cultivated grounds.

No fruit or vegetables shall be taken from the trees, vines or grounds, without permission of the superintendent.

XVIII.—WARD.

1. No bundles, carpet bags, baskets or other baggage, will be allowed in the wards. All clothing, not in actual use, will be locked up in the ward closet.

2. No clothing of any kind will be allowed under the pillows, or tacked about the beds or window sills. Towels must be hung in their appointed places. No packages of provisions or fruit will be allowed anywhere in the wards. Supplies sent by friends for special patients will be taken care of by the nurse of the ward.

3. No newspapers will be allowed spread over the bed-tables, and no accumulation of old papers and magazines will be allowed on the window-sills and tables.

4. Great care must be taken that nothing shall be thrown into bath tubs, basins, sinks or closets which can clog the drains.

Daily sweeping will be begun in the bath-rooms and the litter brushed through the ward into the entry, and immediately taken up.

5. Rags used for dressing wounds, and too much soiled to go to the laundry, will be immediately carried down stairs and buried or burned in the open air. No articles of any kind, clothing, towels, bandages or rags will on any account be washed out of the laundry.

6. No ward shall be left unattended; when the nurse is necessarily absent, a substitute (convalescent or assistant) shall be on duty for the time and shall answer the call of the patients.

7. The watchman shall commence his duty at 9 p. m. and pass hourly through the men's wards until 6 a. m., shall put out all unnecessary lights, preserve order in the convalescent ward and give such assistance as he may be asked for by any nurse on duty.

XIX.—MEALS.

1. The medical officers, head nurse, pupil nurses, housekeeper and apothecary will form one mess, taking their meals by themselves.

2. The superintendent and family may form one mess, taking their meals by themselves. Both these tables will be served and provided in the same manner.

3. Patients will be served with house diet or according to the directions of the attending physician or surgeon.

4. All patients able to leave their beds will take their meals in the ward dining rooms.

5. All orders for special diet will be promptly filled, and the articles sent up on the lifts neatly served.

